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Mendes-France Asks Decisive Arms Vote

Defense Alliance Rides on Tonight's Assembly Ballot

PARIS (AP)—Premier Mendes-France bluntly called on the National Assembly tonight for a decision on the future of the Western defense alliance. He said the future of the alliance would depend on the outcome of a pending confidence vote in his six-month-old government.

Taking the floor before a jammed assembly chamber in the midst of debate on West German rearmament, the premier appealed for an endorsement of West Germany's entrance into the North Atlantic treaty under the London-Paris agreements.

But, he told assembly men, to do so they must reverse the assembly's vote last Friday against West Germany's entrance into a seven-nation Western European Union based on a revised and expanded Brussels treaty.

PACKAGE DEAL

He said the assembly could not vote one without the other, and he warned them that tonight's ballot must be the crucial, decisive one.

He asked a vote of confidence on two points—West Germany's entrance into NATO, and endorsement of the government's position on three amendments to the ratification bill.

If successful on those ballots, he was slated to demand that the assembly reverse last Friday's refusal to ratify the treaty permitting West Germany to rearm as a member of the seven-country Western European Union. That, too, would be a question of confidence which under assembly rules could not be voted on for 24 hours.

VOTES ARE CRUCIAL

Defeat on any of the three votes would force the government to resign, plunging France into another of its numerous post-war cabinet crises.

Reuters news agency said the prospects of favorable votes today were somewhat improved by week-end negotiations between the government and those of its Gaullist and Social supporters who voted against German rearmament last week. Another favorable factor, Reuters said, was a decision taken this morning by the committee of Conservatives—grouping Moderates, Peasants and dissident Gaullists—to ask all its 115 members who voted for the Atlantic alliance "to do nothing by their votes to hinder the adoption of the Paris agreements."

HAVE ALTERNATE PLANS

The future of the Western alliance and of France's position awaited the outcome of the assembly votes. The British government, backed by the United States, has announced that West Germany will be rearmament regardless of the French action. (See Page 2.)

'The Child Reigned...'



CHRISTMAS, 1954, was once again, the children's day. In Victoria homes, humble or ornate, the child was king—just as long, long ago in a Bethlehem stable a Child was adored, even by kings.

The ways of Christmas in Victoria homes were as many as there are men and women and children here. There were laughter, lights and love, music and mischief, religion and remorse, hours of great joy and moments of dark disappointment. There was noise and more noise, and yet more noise.

But in the end—as in the true Christmas story—the child was dethroned. And the grim world of adulthood submerged him, as it has the true Child.

The magical moments of the great day before yesterday are only memories—except when (as in this photo taken by R. L. M. Hale at B.C. Protestant Orphanage) the glory that was Christmas reflects in a winsome face to which all the world is forever merry and bright. (E. McI.)

Reds Shell Islands

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Chinese Communist artillery on Amoy just off the Red mainland pounded Nationalist island outposts today for the second straight day, the Nationalist defense ministry announced.

'COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM IT'

Plane Collides With Car On Highway Near Vernon

VERNON (BUP)—A pilot and his passenger were injured Sunday night in a freak car-plane collision when their light plane made an emergency landing on a highway near here, and smashed into the back of a car.

Police said the pilot, Mr. Garret, of Kamloops, and his unidentified passenger suffered only facial cuts and shock. Both were treated at hospital and have been released.

The plane reportedly ran out of gas and made an emergency landing on the highway near the interior hamlet of Cherrydale.

The driver of the car, Albert

Werner, of Cherryville, was uninjured.

Werner told police that he swerved off the road when he heard the plane behind him.

He added, "the aircraft seemed to be following me. I couldn't get away from it."

Police said the plane, a Cessna, rammed into the rear of the car, glided over the auto's top, and landed in front of it.

The aircraft's undercarriage and part of its wings were smashed.

Police report that the car was badly damaged. The top of the car was pushed in where the plane glided over it.

BOAC Crash Under Probe; 28 Killed

One Passenger, 7 Crewmen Escape

PRESTWICK, Scotland (CP)—Investigators trying to discover the cause of the crash of a trans-Atlantic plane which killed 28 persons here Christmas Day concentrated study today on three ruts the ship made as it landed.

The plane, a British Overseas Airways Corporation Stratocruiser traveling between London and New York, touched down here, turned over and caught fire. Only eight of the 36 aboard survived.

From a study of the marks the investigators said they believed the ship hit the soft ground 20 feet short of a cement runway, bounced 200 yards, struck the runway, skidded and then turned over.

DOUBLE INVESTIGATION

Two inquiries are under way, one by the ministry of transport and civil aviation and the other by BOAC.

The captain of the wrecked airliner, Capt. W. L. Stewart, formerly of Montreal, who had been confined to his room here for questioning by the investigators, was allowed to fly to London today to be with his family.

Investigators refused to permit the plane's wreckage to be moved, saying they want to study it further. They also continued to collect all the available weather information at the time of the crash.

The only survivor among the 25 passengers, a Londoner, is in hospital with badly burned hands. He got out because the fuselage happened to crack open opposite his seat.

Seven crew members escaped through the burning nose of the plane. Four more crew members, who were in the passenger cabin, died.

WEATHER POOR

First reports indicated that wind may have caught the plane as it approached the field. The aircraft, four hours late because bad weather had delayed its takeoff from London, approached the air base in rain and low clouds.

After flipping over and becoming enveloped in flames, it taxied and skidded halfway across the airfield before an explosion ripped off its nose.

"It was just an inferno with flames roaring 30 to 40 feet high," said James Stewart, deputy fire master, who saw the crash. "Petrol tanks were exploding and the heat was terrific. One brave fireman, who was wearing no special apparatus, managed to reach the blazing wreckage and dragged out the hostess, who was dead."

WIRE BRIEFS

Pope Gets Transfusion

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Ailing Pope Pius received another transfusion of blood and plasma today after a "fairly" restful night.

French Talk A-Bomb

PARIS (Reuters)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France presided over a discussion among some of his top ministers Sunday on whether France should build its own atom bomb, it was learned today.

Mistaken Identity

AVIGNON, France (Reuters)—Youths here Sunday night beat up a passing motorist whom they mistook for one of the 4,000 disciples of a Montfauvet ex-postman who claims he is Jesus Christ.

-15 in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (BUP)—The Arctic moved into Manitoba Sunday night and the mercury here dipped to 15 below zero.

Weird Light Dances Across Ontario Sky

COBALT, Ont. (CP)—A light, described by one witness as brighter than daylight and said by others to have danced, moved in a straight line and hovered, was seen in the sky north of here late Sunday.

Willis St. Jean, employed at the Agincourt mine, three miles north of here, said he was in the mine yard when the area was illuminated by a cone brighter than daylight coming from a giant disc.

John Hunt, reporter for the North Bay Daily Nugget, William Montgomery, 27, of West Cobalt and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Montgomery of Kitchener, said that later in the evening they

DRIVING CAMPAIGNS PAY OFF

Canada Cuts Toll While U.S. Soars



'Nothin' Like a Game of Golf'

The weather was nippy (and the blood a little thin likely) as the first annual Christmas Tree Golf Tournament opened at Victoria Golf Club this morning. Ninety city golfers were scheduled to compete in the 18-hole gross

and handicap tournament. Among early starters were, left to right, Don Whyte, Les Pope and C. Abbott who clearly express conditions that prevailed. (Times Photo by Halkett.)

Canada 2nd-Ranking TV Nation 'In Many Ways' Says CBC Chief

QUEEN, DUKE EXTEND GREETINGS TO CANADA

OTTAWA (CP)—The Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, have sent a message of best wishes to the people of Canada for 1955.

Government House today announced receipt of a Christmas message from the Royal couple in reply to greetings sent by Governor-General Massey on behalf of all Canadians. It came from Sandringham, where the Royal Family spent Christmas, and read: "I and my husband greatly appreciate the kind message which you have sent us on behalf of the people of Canada. Please convey to them our sincere thanks and our best wishes for 1955."

Royal Family Leads Christmas Worship

Queen, Duke, Children Attend Services in Sandringham Church

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth led Britain in the religious observance of Christmas. Churches everywhere were crowded, and the Queen worshipped in one of the smallest of them, St. Mary Magdalene in the parish of Sandringham, seat of her country home.

The Queen was there twice, once with the Duke of Edinburgh, for a private celebration of Holy Communion, and then the duke and their children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, for the community's Christmas morning service.

It rained early, and the Royal Family went to the service in cars. The weather improved and the Queen dismissed the cars. She walked down a path to Sandringham House, the children skipping along happily and a crowd of several hundred

applauding and calling "Happy Christmas."

Last year the Queen and Duke spent the holiday season in New Zealand.

This year they made up for last year's absence from their children with a larger than usual holiday party at Sandringham. At the estate were Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and their two children and the Duchess of Kent and her three children.

(See text Queen's Christmas message, Page 2.)

Measles in Greenland

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (CP)—Measles, previously an unknown disease among Greenlanders, have broken out in the Kapisigitt settlement of Greenland, it was announced Sunday. Some 170 of the settlement's 200 inhabitants have come down with the disease.

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Holiday Deaths Here 23; New Record South of Border

By The Canadian Press

The toll of violent deaths during the Christmas week-end stood at 45 early today—18 fewer than last year and 51 fewer than 1952.

Heavy-handed campaigns against drunk drivers in most communities cut the traffic toll to 23 from 41 in 1953 and 57 in 1952, a Canadian Press survey showed.

Seven persons died in fires, two were drowned and two suffocated. A fight and three falls took four lives and gas-fumes accounted for four more. One suicide was reported and there was one accidental shooting and one man was killed in a railway yard accident.

(See Page 11 for city traffic troubles.)

Quebec topped the list with 14 deaths. Ontario had 12, Manitoba five and New Brunswick four. Three were reported in each of British Columbia and Nova Scotia and one in Newfoundland.

Two deaths were reported in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta. Prince Edward Island reported no fatalities between 6 p.m. Friday and early today.

Port Alberni Woman Killed

The death toll from violent accidents in British Columbia during the long holiday week-end stood at three today—two in traffic mishaps and the third in a railway accident.

Robert Muirhead, 41, CPR switchman, was killed at Windermere while working Sunday. Mrs. Milja Pera, 58, died Christmas Day en route to West Coast General Hospital as a result of injuries received in a two-car collision at Port Alberni.

The driver of the car in which she was riding was reported to be Roy Johnson, of New Westminster, her son-in-law. The driver of the other car was William Bede, of Port Alberni.

Mrs. Pera was the only victim of the accident. It occurred four miles north of Alberni. An inquest has been set for

December 28, and the funeral will be held here December 31.

A native of Finland, Mrs. Pera had lived in Canada for 40 years, and in British Columbia 15 years. She had been a resident of Alberni since 1946. She and her husband, Kalle Pera, lived on Beaver Creek Road.

Other survivors are two sons and two daughters. Harry Stanley Wright of Abbotford, customs official, was killed Christmas night when he was hit by a car as he was walking home from work.

A total of nine persons met death in accidents in Western Canada since 6 p.m., local time, Friday night.

Besides B.C.'s three fatalities, there were three in Manitoba, two in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta.

Vancouver Has 100 Accidents

VANCOUVER (BUP)—Police and hospital authorities here experienced what they termed their worst Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on record. Some 100 traffic accidents were reported and over 85 persons were treated for injuries in the area.

However, no fatalities have been reported in Canada's third largest city and Royal Canadian Mounted Police report the five accidents throughout British Columbia.

U.S. Sets Two-Day Record

CHICAGO (AP)—The swelling toll of United States highway accidents during the Christmas week-end mounted close to the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate, after already setting a record for a two-day Yule holiday.

Belated reports of accidental deaths between 6 p.m., local time, Friday and midnight Sunday night might well run the traffic death total to the predicted 370.

It was already 355 on the basis of figures available early today in an Associated Press survey. The previous record for a two-day Christmas week-end 54 hours was 277, set in 1948.

Together with 57 deaths in fires and 51 from a variety of causes, the accidental death toll was 463. This was far ahead of the 1948 total from all causes—396.

Dr. Sam Charges Evidence Not Produced During Trial

CLEVELAND (AP)—A prosecuting attorney who helped bring about the second-degree murder conviction of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard says: "Maybe we didn't do our duty from Dr. Sheppard's point of view, but from the public point of view, we did our duty."

Assistant county prosecutor John J. Mahon was commenting Sunday night on a written statement by the 30-year-old osteopath convicted Tuesday of clubbing his pregnant wife Marilyn to death July 4.

Sheppard, sentenced to life imprisonment, gave the statement to a brother, Dr. Richard Sheppard, who relayed it to a Cleveland newspaper.

In his statement the prisoner said: "Total disregard of definite evidence that proved the presence of someone else in our house who must have killed Marilyn stirs and depresses me."

Sheppard, who has maintained a prowler bledged his wife, added: "My understanding was that a prosecuting attorney was duty bound to produce all evidence and protect the innocent as well as prosecute the guilty. This has been far overlooked."

Mahon said no evidence in the Sheppard case was overlooked and "everything was out in the open."

Sheppard's lawyers will push for a new trial in a hearing Thursday before common pleas judge Edward Blythin, who sentenced the osteopath.

Second of Doucet

Quadruplets Dies

BATHURST, N.B. (CP)—The second of the Doucet quadruplets, Jacinthe, died in hospital here Friday.

REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY CONVICT

DUNDAS, Ont. (CP)—Provincial Police received a Christmas present from an anonymous prisoner in Kingston Penitentiary.

He sent a diagram showing the location of a buried bottle containing 1½ ounces of nitroglycerine.

The diagram showed the nitroglycerine hidden in a low fence post at the side of Highway No. 8.

Police found the bottle and arranged for its removal. Penitentiary officials said they do not know who drew the diagram but believe it was a convicted safecracker.

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Queen Praises Unsung Heroes

Christmas Message Lauds People Who Lead Uneventful Lives.

LONDON (Reuters)—Following is the text of the Queen's Christmas Day address to the Commonwealth:

It is now two years since my husband and I spent Christmas with our children. And as we do so today we look back upon a Christmas spent last year in Auckland, 13,000 miles away, in mid-summer.

Though this was strange for us we were at home there just as we are here, for we were among people who are my own people and whose affectionate greeting I shall remember all my life long.

They surrounded us with kindness and friendship, as did all my people throughout the mighty sweep of our world-encircling journey.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Nevertheless, to all of us there is nothing quite like the family gathering in familiar surroundings, centred on the children whose festival this truly is, in the traditional atmosphere of love and happiness that springs from the enjoyment of simple, well-tried things.

When wind and rain beat upon the window and there is night outside, the family is most conscious of the warmth and peacefulness that surround the pleasant fireside. And our Commonwealth hearth becomes more precious than ever before by the contrast between its homely security and the storm which sometimes seems to be brewing outside, in the darkness of uncertainty and doubt that envelops the whole world.

In the turbulence of this anxious and active world many people are leading uneventful lonely lives, to whom dreariness, and not disaster, is the enemy; people who never realize on their steadfastness, on their ability to withstand the fatigue of dull repetitive work and on their courage in meeting constant small adversities, depend in great measure the happiness and prosperity of the community as a whole.

When we look at the landscape of our life on this earth there is in the minds of all of us—quite naturally—a tendency to admire the peaks, and to ignore the foothills and the fertile plain from which they spring.

We praise—and rightly so—the heroes whose courage and resources shine so brilliantly in moments of crisis. We forget sometimes that there would be no wearers of the Victoria or George Cross if there did not stand behind them ranks of un-

known, unnamed men and women willing and able if the call came to them to render valiant service.

FAITHFUL TOIL

We are amazed by the spectacular discoveries in scientific knowledge, which should bring comfort and leisure to millions. These things also have rested to some extent on the faithful toil and devotion to duty of the great bulk of ordinary citizens.

And it is to the soundness of heart of its average men and women that in the long run is due the upward course of a nation's history.

And so it is that I want, this Christmas, to send a special message of encouragement and good cheer to those of you whose lot is cast in dull and monotonous surroundings, to those whose names will never be household words, but to whose work and loyalty we owe so much.

May you be proud to remember—as I am myself—how much depends on you and that even when your life seems at its most monotonous level, what you do is always of real value and importance to your fellow men.

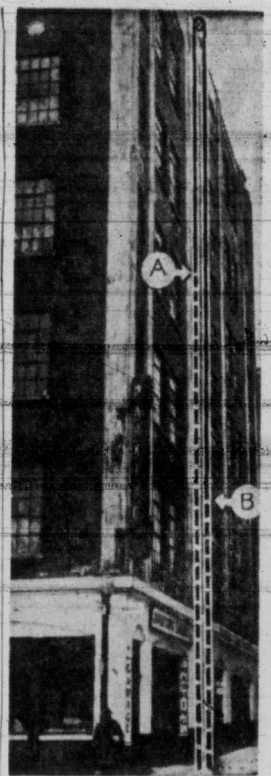
I have referred to Christmas as the children's festival, and I would like finally to glance at this aspect of a lovely day—which is not only a time for family reunions, for paper decorations, for roast turkey and plum pudding.

A SPECIAL FAMILY We pay homage to a very special family, who lived long ago in a very ordinary home, in a very unimportant village in the uplands of a small Roman province.

Life in such a place must have been a bit uninteresting. But the light, kindled in Bethlehem and then streaming from the cottage window in Nazareth, has illumined the world for 2,000 years.

How amazed the neighbors would have been had they known that it was here that I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a gloriously happy new year.

CAUGHT NAPPING—A Vancouver minister had a \$500 nap Christmas Day. The minister, whose name was withheld by police, dozed off after the church service and a thief made off with \$500 from the collection money.



LINDSAY LET GO



BIG—AND SMALL

Falling Down On the Job

MONTREAL — Two stepladders were involved in an unusual mishap which resulted in 220-pound Hector Tremblay, at left, falling four stories and suffering a broken leg. Tremblay was in a bosun's chair on a sixth-floor repair job. Armand Lindsay, at right, 130 pounds, was on the ground holding the rope. The weight proved to be too much for Lindsay, who was pulled up to the second floor. Tremblay descending to the fourth floor, Lindsay let go of the rope and dropped to the street. So did Tremblay, from the fourth story, narrowly missing being impaled on a "No Parking" sign.

COMPLAINT—In Los Angeles, Hugh D. McCracken, 25, was arrested over the weekend on complaint of his wife, Therence, 29.

"He cracked by head against the stove just because I went out to wish the neighbors a Merry Christmas," she said.

The navy now has under construction one aircraft carrier, the Bonaventure at Belfast, northern Ireland, and 14 destroyer escorts, six coastal minesweepers, eight patrol craft and 32 auxiliary vessels. Three minesweepers, three converted frigates and two coastal escorts were assigned to the Pacific Command as the Second Canadian Minesweeping Squadron. The first squadron and the first Escort Squadron were established on the East Coast late last year.

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U.K., U.S. Determined To Rearm W. Germany

Plan to Go Ahead With Paris Pact With or Without France; Soviet Upset

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain and the United States are reported ready to consult immediately on how to rearm West Germany without France if the French Assembly confirms its initial rejection of the Allied plan.

It is apparent that Britain and the United States have shifted from a state of shocked surprise to grim determination that, with or without France, Germany is going to be rearm as a sovereign member of the Western alliance.

The French Assembly voted 280 to 259 Friday against the section of the Paris-London accord for admitting West Germany to an enlarged Western European union.

In Augusta, Ga., where President Eisenhower is working on messages to Congress and golfing in between times, it was announced Sunday that he may return to Washington for emergency consultations with his cabinet if the French Assembly rejects the German rearmament agreement today.

The British Foreign Office, in a statement endorsed by U.S. officials, declared the issue is "not whether the German federal republic will rearm, but how."

The adverse vote was welcomed by Russia which charged the U.S. and Britain with putting "pressure" on France to make her ratify the Paris-London accord.

A Moscow radio broadcast Saturday quoted an official statement by the Soviet news agency Tass declaring that "Soviet government circles" regard the U.S. and British "threats" as "insolent pressure."

French editorial opinion criticized the action of the French Assembly but also displayed irritation at Allied attempts—particularly by Britain—to influence the ultimate decision.

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RCN Records Best Peacetime Year; 2,000 Personnel, 25 Ships Added

OTTAWA (BUP)—The Royal Canadian Navy grew and chalked up more firsts faster in 1954 than in any single year in its peacetime history.

Nearly 2,000 officers and men were added to the permanent force of the navy, bringing it to 18,800, "within striking distance of the current planned target of 21,000-odd," the navy said in a year-end report.

The navy added 25 new and converted ships to its active and reserve fleets, bringing the total to 49 ships in commission, 112 auxiliary vessels manned by civilians, and 53 in reserve.

Among the firsts were: 1. HMCS Labrador, a new Arctic patrol vessel, became the first warship to navigate the northwest passage and the first warship to circumnavigate North America.

2. HMCS Haida, a destroyer, became the first Canadian warship to circle the globe twice.

3. The first peacetime minesweeping squadron was established on the West Coast.

4. The first Canadian navy personnel left to take submarine training in the United Kingdom under a plan which will put three British subs at the disposal of the Canadian navy off the east coast for anti-submarine training purposes.

CARRIER HEADS LIST

The review said ships in commission now number an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, 10 destroyer escorts, one Arctic patrol vessel, eight frigates, five coastal escorts, eight coastal minesweepers, and auxiliary coastal minesweeper, a repair ship, and 13 small craft.

"Big strides were taken in the RCN's shipbuilding program," the review said. "Eighteen vessels were completed, including the Labrador, 10 coastal minesweepers, three of which were

among the six turned over to France this year under the mutual aid program of NATO, and seven smaller vessels.

"Since the shipbuilding program began in 1949, 69 ships have been laid down, of which 26 have been completed and another 18 launched."

The navy now has under construction one aircraft carrier, the Bonaventure at Belfast, northern Ireland, and 14 destroyer escorts, six coastal minesweepers, eight patrol craft and 32 auxiliary vessels. Three minesweepers, three converted frigates and two coastal escorts were assigned to the Pacific Command as the Second Canadian Minesweeping Squadron. The first squadron and the first Escort Squadron were established on the East Coast late last year.

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Little Angels at Holy Angels School

Touching tableau, above, depicts manger scene with diminutive, pious Virgin Mary on left, Christ Child in crib, and Joseph, on right, backed by choir of "angels," at Holy Angels School, Quadra and North

Park. St. Joseph had plaster adorning cut thumb. Mary was Laurie Anderson, four, and Joseph, Gregory Grant, also aged four. Angels are Gerald Bendet, Darleen Mottishaw, Stephen Isaac and Janet Healey.

New Year Callers To Have Full Day

Church, State, Municipal and Military Receptions Scheduled for January 1

Traditional New Year's Day receptions are planned for January 1 by provincial, civic and military organizations in Victoria this year.

JUST for the RECORD

WEAKER SEX: In Sherman Oaks, Calif., a gunman tried to push his way into the auto of Annette Hyden, 22, and received:

A broken barrel on his toy gun, an uppercut to the jaw, a haymaker to the midsection and a bone-crushing jab in the nose. Miss Hyden is a physical education teacher.

EUREKA!—In Chicago Mrs. Belle Shabins said today a daughter had been born in her family for the first time in 200 years.

The baby was born Christmas Day, to the wife of Mrs. Shabins' son Edward, an air force captain stationed at Bolling air force base, Washington.

"There never has been a girl born to a Shabins before that we know of and the history goes back 200 years," the happy grandmother said.

Mrs. Shabins has another son and four grandsons. Her husband was one of four sons, his father was one of five sons, and his grandfather had no sisters.

DETERMINED—In Fort Erie, Ont., police awaited the return of James Flewelling today before closing the books on the case of the determined bridegroom.

Flewelling, from Brockwood, Ont., rented a car and continued on his trip to Florida, Sunday, after his own auto was wrecked in a collision on the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

He told officers he was on his honeymoon and would wait until he returned to decide whether his car was worth repairing.

War-Decorated Nurse Dies; Miss Morrison Rites Tuesday

First World War nurse, holder of a Royal Red Cross presented by George V. and school nurse at Esquimalt for 25 years, Miss Mary Ethel Morrison, RN, died Friday at Veterans' Hospital.

She will be buried Tuesday. Born at Pictou, Nova Scotia, she graduated from Vancouver General Hospital and went overseas in 1915. She served in Greece, France and England and was decorated by the King in Buckingham Palace.

She became school nurse in Esquimalt after the war, held the post for 25 years, retiring in 1945. She was past president of both Graduate Nurses' Association in Victoria and the Nursing Sisters' Branch, Canadian Legion. She lived at 1745 St. Ann.

SAFE DRIVING Death Takes Year's Holiday In Saskatchewan

SASKATOON (CP)—Santa and the saints gave this city of 50,000 persons a rare and cherished gift Christmas eve. Saskatchewan completed a full year without a traffic fatality within the city limits.

The last traffic death occurred Christmas eve, 1953, when an elderly pedestrian was struck by a vehicle when crossing a street.

At Work Point Barracks, the commanding officer, officers and NCO's will receive callers from 9.30 to 11 a.m. From 10 a.m. to noon, Royal Canadian Artillery officers will greet guests at the Bay Street Armory.

From 10 to 11.30 a.m., Victoria's mayor and aldermen will receive at the City Hall. Callers will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. by Bishop J. M. Hill at 740 View, and by the Esquimalt reeve and councillors at the municipal hall.

The Pacific Club will hold an open house for members and their guests between 2 and 3.30 p.m.

1954 Becomes Canada's Best 'Health Year' MONTREAL (CP)—Canada in 1954 experienced the most favorable health conditions on record, statistics issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company show.

The statistics calculate the death rate for the year at 8.2 a 1,000 population on the basis of figures for the first 10 months of this year. This marks the third consecutive year the death rate has been lower than nine in each 1,000 population.

"The rapid economic development of Canada in recent years provides exceptional opportunities for further improvement in the health of its people," the report says.

Silver Spoon Ready DUNCAN — First baby to be born at King's Daughters' Hospital after the New Year will have a silver spoon for his or her mouth.

Donor will be the Duncan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Christianity All the Year Is IWA Plea

A Junior Chamber of Commerce nation-wide campaign to put "Christ back in Christmas" has been criticized by a local union leader for not going far enough.

Local International Woodworkers of America president, Jack McKenzie, said in a year-end message to members that the principle of Christianity should apply 365 days in the year, not merely at Christmas time.

"The labor movement is dedicated to the principle of universal brotherhood which in effect means the elimination of discrimination, privation and fear," said Mr. McKenzie.

"The labor movement agrees with this organization (Junior Chamber of Commerce) that Christmas has, and is being, commercialized to the extent that it has lost its true meaning."

"We further submit that the principle of Christianity should apply 365 days a year... (and) we in the free labor movement must be prepared to fight to maintain those Christian principles for which so many of those before us have fought and died."

The union president said the application of the following principles "must be our first consideration":

"Eliminate discrimination—we are taught that all men are created equal."

"Eliminate privation—hunger in the midst of plenty."

"Eliminate fear—of unemployment, sickness and the scourge of war."

HOLIDAY: In New York the heavily-populated borough of Queens was filled with peace and goodwill on Christmas Day.

For the first time in the memory of court officials not one of the borough's 1,629,000 citizens was arrested on a felony charge and Magistrate Albert Shanzer had the day off just like everybody else—for lack of business.

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Thirty buses will run this evening. Commencing at 7.30 p.m., buses will leave from the B.C. Electric offices at Douglas and Pandora. The company ran 30 buses Sunday night.

CABINET MEETS JANUARY 4

OTTAWA (CP)—The cabinet will put the finishing touches to its general program of legislation for next year when it meets again Jan. 4.

The meeting, expected to be the last before Parliament opens three days later, will make a final review of the speech from the throne to be read by Governor-General Macsey at the opening of the new session.

The speech contains an outline, in general terms, of the measures the government plans to put before Parliament for approval. Although reports have described a number of the measures proposed, the full legislative program is known only to cabinet.

LATE LIGHTS

And since not all the bills have been settled in detail, the Jan. 4 meeting likely will keep the lights burning late in the Parliament Buildings' East Block which houses the cabinet chamber.

Other pieces of legislation not mentioned in the throne speech doubtless will be brought forward during the session to meet future and unforeseen requirements.

Since the measures outlined in the throne speech embody government policy, the speech forms the basis for an extended debate in the Commons in which opposition parties put forward motions of want of confidence.

DEBATE BEGUN

The debate is begun by two recently-elected members of the government party who propose and second a traditional motion for an address in reply to the throne speech. For the new session they will be Yves Leduc (L-Montreal) Verdon, elected in a March 22 by-election, and Donald Carriek (L-Toronto-Trinity), who enters the Commons from a Nov. 8 by-election.

The opposition want-of-confidence motions, usually critical of the absence of some measures from the list of legislation forecast, are moved as amendments to the Liberal motion.

Normally sessions have opened on a Thursday, with speeches of the mover and second on the following day and opposition speeches being heard Monday. The new session is departing from custom by opening on a Friday, and the speeches of the mover and second will be made that same day.

HAIL! HAIL! TH' GANG'S ALL HERE

WACO, Tex. (AP)—On Christmas Eve, city judge Q. Z. Valentine released 25 men held on drunkenness charges. Sunday, 10 of them were back in jail on the same charge.

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A President Emerges

THE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS describe Washington today as an aviary of cooing doves when, only yesterday, it was a bear pit in violent quarrel. What has produced at least a temporary era of goodwill? What has suddenly intervened to end the "cold war" between White House and Capitol which Mr. Eisenhower expected if the Democrats won the Congressional election?

Mr. Eisenhower himself has intervened. He has withdrawn and regretted his campaign speech about a cold war. He has conferred in friendly fashion with the leaders of the Democratic majority in the Congress and apparently reached agreement with them on many issues. He has sought, as Mr. Walter Lippmann writes, his real friends in both parties. He has summoned up his latent strength, which does not depend upon a Congressional majority or on partisan Republican votes, but upon the American people at large.

If this is indeed the meaning of his new posture he has made a decision long postponed. He has emerged at last from the confusions of two years, from a vain attempt to deny the meaning of the last Republican convention and of his own election.

The meaning was always clear enough to non-partisan observers—little more than half the Republican convention wanted to nominate Mr. Eisenhower in the first place, only half of the elected Republicans of the Congress were ready to support his real policies and the American people elected him without endorsing his party.

Two courses were thus open to the President. He could try to appease the rebellious Republican right wing, and educate it. Or he could go on without it. For two years he tried appeasement and education. He failed, as he was bound to fail with such pupils as Senator McCarthy and Senator Knowland.

Fortunately, given enough rope, Senator McCarthy hanged himself. The so-called Republican leader in the Senate, Senator Knowland, continued to reject the President's foreign policy and pursue his own. In the last few weeks it became obvious that if the President persisted in his former course he would end as the leader of half the Republican

Party in the Congress and a minority of the nation.

By repudiating Senator McCarthy and rejecting the views of Senator Knowland, Mr. Eisenhower has given notice to the right wing that it can follow him or leave him, as it pleases. He is basing his legislative program and his entire future not on his own party but on a new coalition between the progressive Republicans and the Democrats.

American government has long been a system of shifting coalitions. Franklin Roosevelt, for instance, erected within the Democratic Party a paradoxical coalition of southern conservatives and northern radicals. But the Eisenhower coalition now emerging is unique in modern times because it cuts straight across party lines and seems to have more strength among the President's titular opponents than among his titular followers.

The practical question in the immediate future is whether this coalition can implement the President's policies, both foreign and domestic. The next few months will answer that question. At all events, the President's policies in foreign affairs, especially in foreign trade and in aid to backward countries, undoubtedly will have more support in a Democratic Congress than in its Republican predecessor. If the method of achieving them is ironical, the results should benefit the entire free world.

All this represents only the beginning of the adventure on which Mr. Eisenhower now seems embarked. He will probably soon find that the Democrats, though closer to him than half the Republicans of the Congress, do not accept all his ideas by any means. Moreover, they cannot afford to build up the only Republican who can possibly defeat them in 1956. The doves, it is to be suspected, will not coo for long.

Nevertheless, if the President has finally resolved to lead instead of follow, if he has abandoned the pretence of unity with the Republican reactionaries, if he is determined to take his policies direct to the people, he will remain as the most formidable factor in American politics, the one indispensable asset of his party and the greatest obstacle to a Democratic victory two years hence.

Not Much Time Is Left

ON THE SPOT DISPATCHES from Indo-China by the eminent correspondent, Mr. Joseph Alsop, take a gloomy view of the situation. In recent articles reproduced on this page Mr. Alsop has described the dissension and don't-care attitude to be found among Government figures in Vietnam, in contrast to the energetic organizational efforts to be found in the now-communist northern portion of the country.

From his observations the correspondent has drawn a picture of the very real danger that the whole of Vietnam may fall to the communists when the elections specified in the armistice agreement are held.

Similar concern is expressed in an article in The Economist of London. That authoritative journal seeks to point out optimistic features in the situation, but it agrees that the chances of Western success in Indo-China are slim.

One way in which the south might be retained for democracy lies in a clean-up of governmental circles. Feuds between political and military leaders, and widespread corruption among police and other state agencies make the problem a serious one. The continued absence of Emperor Bao Dai, who long has been backed by the French but who has displayed little inclination to return from Europe to come to grips with the country's problems, is also a distressing factor.

The Economist lists Bao Dai's return as necessary to a solution, in addition to reversion of the police to Government control, a shake-up of the ministry, integration of sectarian armies into the national

army, proper dispersal of army units throughout the territory, and formation of a general public opinion through relaxation of press censorship.

That is a formidable list of reforms; it is not likely that all, or even most of them, can be implemented. But unless they are, warns The Economist, "an overwhelmingly anti-Nationalist vote, even in the south, is extremely probable."

In the north, where the communists are in power, it is hoped that increasing resistance to regimentation may result in an anti-Red vote. But prospects of this are not at the moment bright. The compulsory indoctrination program might stir anti-pathetic, but along with the propaganda courses go courses in reading and writing, which should make them more than palatable. Collectivization of farms could also stir resentment. The Economist suggests, but fear of reprisal, when the voting actually takes place, might move many natives to vote for the regime already in power.

Quite apart from argument which at this date must be largely theoretical, there is a strong prospect that the communists will win the universal elections to take place in mid-1956. They would thus win by peaceful means what they so nearly took by force. The West now has some 18 months in which to halt the present drift in the south and produce an administration and a policy that will prove attractive to the population. It is not a long time in which to achieve what amounts to a peaceful revolution.

One for the Road to Disaster

DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS too many people in this community will drink too much.

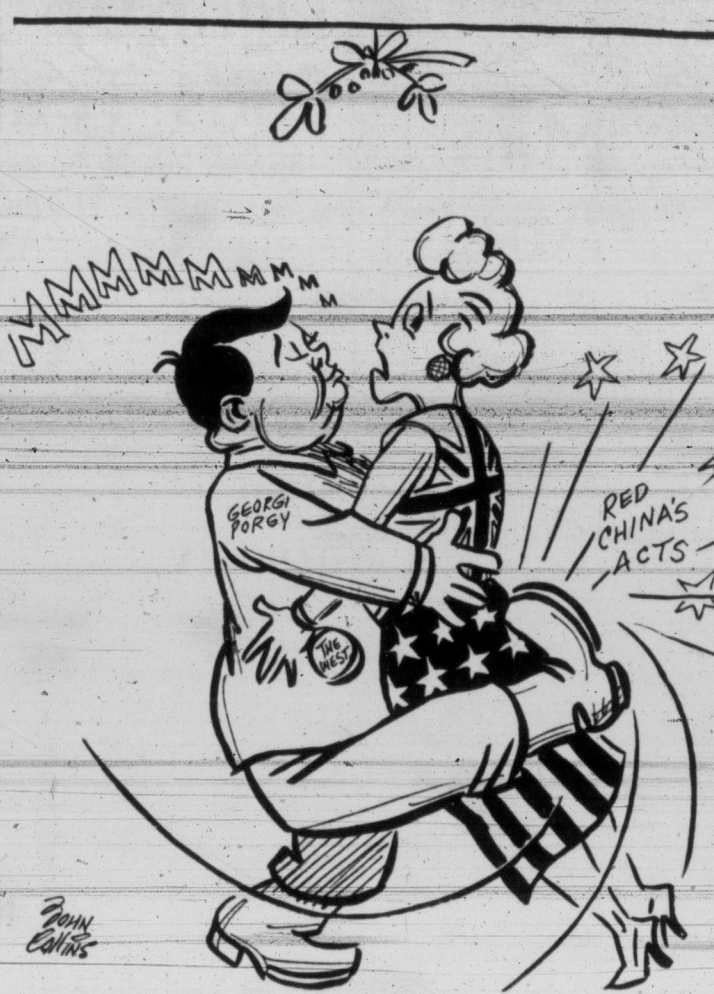
If they are the only ones who suffer from over-indulgence, the problem may remain a purely personal one. If, however, their drinking injures others, it becomes something more.

In particular it becomes a danger to the public if, having reduced their capabilities, slowed their reactions and distorted their judgment by liquor, they attempt to drive.

The holiday season has frequently been marred by hideous accidents. Contributing to them have been not only drunken drivers, but drinking drivers.

New Year's offers them no special dispensation. But they should find time at this point to think. If they plan to drink, they should recognize the hazard they can become on the road. It will be too late, after an accident, to realize that the highway to disaster is paved by "one for the road."

No So Cosy Under the Co-Existence Mistletoe



Chips

BY DAVID BROCK

WHEN last I heard, the CBC was looking round for any manifestation of Boxing Day customs and Boxing Day spirit. I missed the broadcast last night. If indeed the search revealed anything to broadcast. But it must have been a disheartening search. I can see that from here.

For the obvious and important fact is surely that we have no Boxing Day traditions and customs and spirit at all. Pity, out there it is.

But should we leave it where it is? Why can't we start a few of our own? One or two of them might catch on, and spread. The world is hungry for new traditions that will one day become old traditions. Look at the way it pathetically makes a tradition of having Bing Crosby sing "A White Christmas". I am not suggesting that the best we could do would be to have the Bing boy make a Boxing Day record for us to play reverently once a year. God forbid. I am suggesting we might do better than that.

MY own suggestions. I'm afraid, are pretty mild, offhand, random, and few. But I will work on the problem for the next year, provided a few other chaps promise to do a little work on it too. For the religious part of the feast of Boxing Day, which of course is St. Stephen's Day, we might begin by paying a little more attention to St. Stephen. Children, sing about their pal Wenceslas. Childer, sing about the feast of Stephen, out looking out on the feast of Stephen, out they have no idea what this means. Still, some modern blokes have got a little shy about saints, except when they are dressed in red flannel and false whiskers and say "Ho ho ho". In fact, I have many friends who tell me saints are downright wicked. . . . which would surprise the saints considerably.

ON the secular and social and semi-pagan and (if you like) commercialized side of Boxing Day, we could go back to the very old custom of presenting Christmas boxes, where possible. That is to say, tips to the milkman and postman and grocer's boy and so on. It might be a little tough to locate some of them, on a day when everything is now closed up tight as if in mourning. (What a paradoxical age we live in, when a so-called holiday or holy-day is marked by dead silence and indeed by sleep. Not a peep! Don't wake your daddy, dear, he is celebrating a solemn festival or a happy occasion or something. He is in a transcendental coma.)

But the tougher they were to locate, the more surprised they would be. I wish I had gone round to my paper-boy's house yesterday. . . . yes, I know, where it is, so don't sneer. . . . and woken him up with a carol or two and the loud clink of small coins. It would either

have given him a new faith in humanity or else have unhinged his reason. Either would be interesting to watch. And how about my own reason, you shoulder wonder? Have no fear. Mine doesn't work on hinges at all. It rolls up.

I should like to see more informal dropping-in on Boxing Day. I like it well enough on New Year's Day, but many a host or hostess doesn't, and there might be bricker chat on Boxing Day. I don't know. The thing is to find out. It could also be a day for games. I mean round games, at home, if people still play them. Not bridge! One Christmas when I was a child, my parents asked a man to Christmas dinner and he tried to organize a bridge game afterwards, and the things the children said to him (myself and my brothers) made his hair stand on end and his eyes start from their sockets, but these were no nothing, they were mere Christmas blessings, compared with what we said when he went home. And I find I am getting angry all over again, in writing about him now, and I still wish him bad luck, gods and scorpions of it.

HE is reading these words now, but he won't recognize himself, or remember the incident, which is one of the biggest pitfalls I have run across in a lifetime of assorted regrets. And if any reader wants to drop in on me next Boxing Day and explain why I should feel nothing but goodwill to men who want to start bridge games in other people's houses at Christmas, and in front of innocent children at that, why, I shall be glad to find the explainer out the window, and goodwill to him.

As I say, my suggestions are feeble and few, but I will do better. What I want is a fixed but lovely program for Boxing Day, the same every year, so that I (or the child in me) will wake up on the morning of the 26th and say "O boy, this is Boxing Day, hooray. I shall eat a double breakfast to give me strength for all the fun I'm going to have. Gosh, I haven't had a Boxing Day for a whole year."

AND so on. Controlled hysteria, that's the stuff. Though I dare say a lot depends on who's guiding it! What I'm asking for, I suppose, is a tradition to guide it and contain it.

As for little symbolic observances, these should be easier. A formal bonfire of Christmas wrappings, for example. With or without fireworks (Venezuela style), and winners and marshmallows. And there are no nearly enough bonfires in winter. Anyone who is fanatically against Santa Claus (as most of the unsteady types are against him just now) could burn that poor old clown in effigy. And burn a few books too, to symbolize fanaticism more strongly. For if there is one thing that your passionate reformer likes, it is passion.

As Our Readers See It

AND THANK YOU, TOO

Thank you so much for printing the paper on your holiday. It's all some people have to look forward to. For ten years I have walked one mile in snow, rain and wind for the paper for two crippled neighbors. Best wishes.

MRS. C. W. STIRLING,
Sidney, V.I.

the Blessed Company of the Saints, what can he do but hate?"
SWEDENBORGIAN

ANTI-AQUARIUM

Although I am keenly interested in natural history, I am, like most of those who expressed opinions in Saturday's Times, opposed to the establishment of an aquarium here.

With the exception of one at Brighton, England, such places have seldom been a success. The one at Scarborough, England, had to be converted into a vaudeville hall, and one at Battery Park, New York, was closed.

The estimated cost is given at \$160,000, but when did any undertaking keep within its original estimate? The example of the Arena should be enough to deter us from "marking" on another hazardous enterprise.

J. LOWTHER
Veterans of France.

THOSE WHO DESPISE RELIGION

A Mr. Derrick L. Rossier, in Time Magazine, gives a good answer to those who despise religion. He writes in part that "religion prevents the production of the enrage the man who has no place anywhere, and hates society on principle. And so hates this world. That, to my mind, is the basis of Communism. For if man has not an abiding place in the Bosom of Abraham, or in Nirvana, or in the Paradise of Allah or among

Over the Mushy Majority

BY JOSEPH ALSOP, from Saigon, Indo-China.

MOST of this reporter's recent visit to the independent state which the Viet Minh still occupy in southern Indo-China was passed in a condition of rather gentle house arrest. We had come—my guide and I—in the belief that the visit was fully authorized by the Committee of the South, which is the ruling Viet

Minh organ in southern Indo-China. But no authorization, promised in a way that parodied the novels of Andre Malraux, turned out to be a parody too. I had no right to be there, and so, having got there, was positively but firmly confined to a palm hut on a canal bank in the straggling village of Vinh Phong.

If I had not been reasonably lucky, I should certainly have seen more hard-core Communists than I had any desire to see. But in the end I was treated as a merely embarrassing visitor, to be rapidly got rid of with false papers which would not publicize the intrusion of an American into Viet Minh territory.

So the hard-core was hidden from me. On the other hand, the people of Viet Nam are traditionally hospitable. Furthermore as the second civilian Westerner to penetrate this region in nine years—the first was Max Clos, a French newspaperman—I was such an object of curiosity that the simple people would come to stroke the hair on my arms and burst into roars of incredulous laughter.

WESTERN VIEWPOINT
The Western viewpoint interested the Viet Minh "cadres" just as much as Western headlines astonished the peasants, so I did not lack visitors in my partial confinement.

There was one main question I wanted answered in my many hours of conversation with such Viet Minh personalities as my guide, who was an important professional cadre; my chief guardian, Pham Thieu, leader of the "peace loving" socialist party and secretary of "The Front of National Union," and the man who gave me my peculiar exit visa, Dr. Vinh, chief of the Civil Affairs bureau and Secretary-treasurer of this southern Viet Minh state. The question was, "how did the Communists do it?"

SUPERIOR POWER
Starting from nothing, working always in the very teeth of conventionally superior French military power, how had the Communists established and held this palm hut empire in the South? Here was all the apparatus of a normal state, devised as it were, in fox holes, and maintained under constant and heavy attack. What was the secret of this all but incredible phenomenon?

Limited as my opportunities of inquiry necessarily were, I think I got the answer in those long hours of incongruously leisurely and civilized talk in the palm hut. The answer, I believe, in the men I talked with. My guide, Pham Thieu, and Dr. Vinh in particular shared three characteristics in common.

Before joining the resistance, my guide was a leading Saigon professional, a member of a great land-owning family. Pham Thieu was a teacher and archaeologist, Dr. Vinh, a successful

lawyer. None of them in short had had the kind of personal reasons for discontent that might be expected to drive a man to put on peasant clothes, live as the poorest of the poor, and brave great and constant dangers for many long years.

Yet they had all done it. And their mood was still that of primitive Christians, positively longing to be tossed to the nearest lion.

Second, each of these men, in his different way, had been a remarkable efficient instrument of the Viet Minh palm hut state, discharging heavy and complex responsibilities with marked efficiency and puritanical self dedication.

Third, although none of the three had been absolutely molded by the Communists. Each constantly repeated, as a sort of incantation, Ho Chi Minh's three principles: "First, serve the people. Second, learn to distinguish between friends and enemies. Third, be ready for danger and privations; rely only on ourselves, and victory and glory will be ours."

ECHOED CHANT

When they repeated this spell, their very voices changed, quite plainly echoing the chant of innumerable meetings and rallies and it was just the same whenever they were discussing any subject whatever on which the party line had been laid down. Whether the topic was international relations or local land reform, the phrases came pat and cut and cried, always in the same order, always with the same incantatory tone, never varying from one conversation to the next.

If the Communists could transform such men as these into faithful automatons, and if they could construct, as they did construct, an entire military and civil administration out of such men as these, admitting the harder-minded to the party, and using the purer idealists as instruments, the triumph of the palm hut state was not so hard to understand after all.

LESSER PART
But that still left the question, how had the Communists gained their empire over such men as these? Obviously, the party's brilliantly astute use of Asian nationalism was part of the answer. But in our long hours of talk I concluded it was the lesser part.

The larger part, I feel sure, lay in the Western impact upon Asia. In brief, the old Asian order of society from which these men sprang had utterly crumbled under the impact of the West.

Here in Indo-China, French colonialism provided a kind of armature which kept life going in an orderly manner until the armature was broken in the second war. But fundamentally all values, all relationships, all beliefs and standards were at first transformed and then hopelessly disorganized.

In this state of disorganization of values, relationships and standards. In this cultural mush, as it were, the Communist party was the only thing that was hard and certain and utterly organized. Organization will usually triumph over disorganization. A hard minority, however tiny, will usually dominate a mushy majority. And this, alas, is the central point of the gigantic problem of halting the onward march of Communist imperialism in Asia.

Blood Will Tell, and Tell

From The Vancouver Sun

WE trust that the authorities will use the utmost caution in handling the dangerous situation recounted in this despatch.

"VICTORIA (CP). Because Greater Victoria again did not meet the quota set by the blood clinic this week, it may become necessary to call on Red Cross headquarters for emergency plasma."

"Red Cross officials said here Thursday 948 persons attended the four-day clinic. The goal had been 1,200 pints."

"An official said 'we may have to call on Vancouver if several serious emergencies occur.'"

The seriousness of the emergencies would certainly need to be intense to justify the risk of infusing Victoria with quantities of Vancouver blood. Victoria might never be the same again.

It is to be hoped at least that only a few pints will be used at any one time until Victoria's degree of tolerance is established. Victorians boasting of those sweeping winds from the Pacific could quite easily be sickened and die off like flies if injected with smog-laden fluid imported from the lower mainland.

All sorts of other side-effects can be foreseen. Victorians, for example, are brought up from infancy to regard the bobby as a citizen's best friend. Fill one of them with Vancouver blood and he'll become a case for psychiatry. He'll be in a perpetual daze trying to figure out why his copcuses bristle at the very sight of a policeman.

For another thing, Victorian blood is largely of the civil service group whereas Vancouver's is predominantly free enterprise. It is cooler than the less inhibited type found here. And, according to supporters of the present government, it is inclined to be sluggish, especially during office hours.

This may be a baseless slander but it is certainly true that the strength of the Victorian pulse begins to weaken abnormally early in the evening. Blood

that is accustomed to a diminishing beat shortly after dinner would hardly be compatible with the brawling variety that infuses through Vancouver's veins at all hours of the night.

It is thinner, too, and older. In a recent speech Dr. J. M. Mather, head of the department of public health at UBC, observed that Victoria has the highest ratio of people over 65 in Canada. Their percentage in relation to total population has quadrupled since 1921. The Victoria Times noted in one of its stately editorials. And it is a well-known fact that the best grades of blood in those parts have a slight bluish tinge.

Obviously this stuff wouldn't mix well with the crimson claret flowing from mainland clinics. So we'll just have to keep our fingers crossed in the hope that Victoria may be spared the "several serious emergencies" mentioned in the CP dispatch.

MARKED for READING
SOUND ADVICE
I learnt this quite early in life—let a man talk and he'll tell you remarkably intelligent—and he'll be quite right!

—Gladys Burillon, former British schoolteacher

TREISKAIDÉKKAPHOBIA

In America the prejudice of the public against Friday the thirteenth is a commercial bugbear. I'm told it costs air lines, railways, motor coach companies and hotels many millions of dollars every year; so various interested concerns have formed an association to combat "treiskaidékkaphobia" as it has been rather clumsily called from the Greek words meaning "dread of thirteen."

—Jonathan Cusling, journalist and publisher

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M JUST GARGLING. WHO SAID I WAS DROWNING IN THE BATHTUB?"

From Our Files

Dec. 27, 1894: George Taylor arrived from Cowichan this morning, bringing with him the carcass of the large, est panther that has been shot on the Island for some time. The carcass measures 8 feet 2 inches tip to tip.

Dec. 27, 1914: A letter was received this morning from the dead letter office, where it was sent after being recovered from sunken wreck of S.S. Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence.

Dec. 27, 1934: Making early preparations for Victoria's May 24 program next year, Ald. T. W. C. Hawkins, committee chairman, has called a meeting of its members for Jan. 14 to start work.

Strange Interlude

SOMETIME during this strange interlude that divides Christmas from the New Year, I must pull myself together and tidy up the sort of workbench where I toss the letters and literature connected with the column, borrowed books, household bills and the inescapable bits of the inescapable family mending.

It's a pretty mess, and I can see that a calm approach will get me nowhere. I'll have to burrow like an excited terrier.

So woof! woof! here goes.

First to hand is this booklet, "Man's Right to Knowledge," that I picked up at the Victoria Public Library when I went to see the traveling exhibit from Columbia University.

I can't throw that away. It's too noble and too fine with its reassertion of the ancient doctrine that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that every one has the right to freedom of thought and freedom of opinion and expression. These rights, moreover, belong to everyone without distinction as to race or color.

I want to keep this booklet so that I can turn to it when in the mood and find the passage about the function of speech being to free men from the bondage of irrational fears. I want to keep it because it reproduces part of William Allen White's famous letter "To an Anxious Friend," which was printed on the front page of the Emporia Gazette in 1922.

"You say that freedom of utterance is not for time of stress," writes William Allen White, "and I reply with sad truth that only in time of stress is freedom of utterance in danger . . . only when free utterance is suppressed is it needed, and when it is needed, it is most vital to justice."

And the climax of the letter reads: "This state today is in more danger from suppression than from violence, because in the end, suppression leads to violence."

As a normal Victorian, started out of complacency by some of 1954's stranger antics down at City Hall, I'm partial to this quotation from Walter Lippman: ". . . no official yet born on this earth is wise enough or generous enough to separate good ideas from bad ideas, good beliefs from bad beliefs."

Although I studied Milton's Areopagitica pretty thoroughly in my college days, I want to keep this booklet as a handy place in which to find that tortuous but magnificent sentence: "Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so Truth be in the field, we do injuriously by licensing and prohibiting to misdoubt her strength. Let her and falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?"

And, 1954 having been the sort of year it was, I kind of like to restore my faith by re-reading this: "Humanity's need for new knowledge in all matters is so pressing that it is most foolish not to make adequate provision for an army of intellectual pioneers. But unless we adopt the view that the sum of all truth is limited and already has been revealed . . . we must leave those engaged in research absolutely free to question all things and to publish the results of their inquiry."

I cannot throw out this picture of Galileo, Darwin and Pasteur. I can't bear to destroy the passage that goes with it, the passage that reads: "A scholar needs to be free to formulate and test any plausible hypothesis that occurs to him regardless of whether or not it runs counter to views currently accepted. There can be no reserved areas into which he may not venture, no prescribed orthodoxies which he may not challenge."

No, I can't throw this out. What's more, I haven't time to tackle the lilyding today. This business of getting bogged down reading is the bane of my life. No will power. That's me!

YOUR HEALTH

By DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

Things That Aren't So

Dr. Alvarez is Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic and Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

I often think of one of America's great humorists who, many years ago, said "It's better not to know so much than to know so many things that ain't so." Many of us human beings have our brains too well-stocked with ideas that aren't so. I was reminded of this as I read an article by Amelia Lobenz in the December number of The Woman's Home Companion. Miss Lobenz went around to a group of physicians, asking if a number of the medical ideas that she had inherited from somewhere or other were correct. Actually, she found that many were not accepted by scientists today.

For instance, the first question was, should people keep well bundled-up in winter in order to avoid colds? This sounds reasonable but, actually, much research at the great centre in Salisbury, England, for the study of colds, has shown that even the man with wet clothes who stands about for two hours in a draft, is no more likely to get a cold than if he had been home in bed! Cold weather alone does not produce colds. Eskimos in an isolated village in the Arctic Circle get colds only when a stranger comes along and brings them a cold virus.

I, personally, would rather be wet and chilled, out in the high mountains somewhere, than be in a warm theatre where someone with the sniffles would keep coughing violently behind me and spraying the air about me with tiny droplets of saliva containing the virus of a bad cold.

Many women think it is dangerous to bathe or wash their hair or swim while menstruating. Physicians doubt this. Swimming in cold water can occasionally stop the menstrual flow, but this need not cause any serious injury to the pelvic organs.

WHY OPEN WINDOWS

Many persons feel that, even during a blizzard, they must have their windows open at night. They have been taught that this is essential to health. I know of no reason why it should be essential to have the windows open at night when we keep them closed during the day. Many healthy peoples never open their windows at night.

Should a pregnant woman eat enough for two people? Experts say, "No." It is not good for a woman to get stout during her pregnancy. Only a moderate gain in weight is permissible.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS

CITY'S WEATHER RECORD
Sunshine, 1954 . . . 1,965.1 hrs.
Last year . . . 1,941.6 hrs.
Precip. to date . . . 27.97 ins.
Last year . . . 30.36 ins.

SYNOPSIS—Milder weather is returning to B.C. and western Alberta today in advance of a storm moving in from the ocean. A strong surge of warm air coming up from the south is producing gale winds over the outer coastal waters. Rain which has begun around Prince Rupert will spread to Vancouver Island and the lower Fraser Valley during the day. Some cloudiness will penetrate into the valleys of the Prince George and Cariboo areas this afternoon. Tuesday will also be mild with showers

continuing in the coastal sections.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE
9 A.M. FORECASTS
(Valid until midnight Tuesday.)

VICTORIA—Cloudy today with rain commencing this afternoon. Cloudy with scattered showers on Tuesday. Milder. Southeast winds 25 today and southerly winds 15 on Tuesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Victoria 46 and 48.

WEST COAST—Oak warning in effect: Rain today, cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday. Milder. Southeast winds 25 today and southerly winds 15 on Tuesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Estevan Point 46 and 48.

VANCOUVER—Cloudy with showers this morning. Rain this afternoon and evening. Cloudy with scattered showers Tuesday. Milder. Southerly winds 15 Tuesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Vancouver airport 46 and 48.

GEORGIA STRAIT—Cloudy with scattered showers this morning. Rain this afternoon and evening. Cloudy with scattered showers again on Tuesday. Milder. Southeast winds 30 today and southerly winds 15 on Tuesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Nanaimo 38 and 40.

TEMPERATURES
YESTERDAY

VICTORIA One Year Ago

VICTORIA Across Canada

Montreal . . . 26 31 85

Ottawa . . . 21 26 18

Toronto . . . 34 41 10

Winnipeg . . . 3 4 10

Regina . . . 3 17 Trace

Saskatoon . . . 16 27

Calgary . . . 18 24

Edmonton . . . 9 19

Kamloops . . . 8 23

Pestition . . . 14 24

Vancouver . . . 34 38 31

Kimberley . . . 5 18

Prince Rupert . . . 33 40 35

Port St. John . . . 21 24 63

Whitehorse . . . 21 15

Revelstoke . . . 22 27

Portland . . . 33 37

Chicago . . . 41 46 32

ISLAND DIGEST

Victoria Daily Times MONDAY, DEC. 27, 1954

Man Loses Job After Hearing

Two Loggers Held Responsible For Honeymoon Bay Woods Fire

DUNCAN—By a unanimous award, an arbitration board has ordered the reinstatement of one employee and upheld the dismissal of a second employee in a dispute between the International Woodworkers of America and Forest Industrial Relations.

CAST IN CEMENT

Local Artist Creator of Duncan Crest

DUNCAN—The elk head emblem decorating the exterior wall of the council chamber of the new city hall here was made by Miss Barbara Sharp of Crofton.

Miss Sharp studied for four years at the Vancouver School of Art, and on graduation went to work in the studio of Charles Margra, creator of the lions on Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge.

It was there that she learned to model in clay, and to make plaster moulds and castings.

She made the emblem in clay, then made a plaster of paris mould. A special mixture of white sand and white cement was prepared for the final casting.

MASSIVE PLAQUE

When finished it measured four by two and one-half feet, was three inches thick, and weighed 250 pounds. It will be allowed to weather for some time before painting, "since cement tends to 'eat' paint."

Other examples of her work are a mural in a Youboun snack bar depicting the exploits of Paul Bunyan, and decorations in St. John's Church, Vancouver.

Besides being a member of the Crofton Art Class, she is president of Cowichan District Riding Club.

Victoria Men Granted Bail

NANAIMO—Bail was granted two Victoria men charged in court here with assaulting an RCMP officer Dec. 12.

Philip Joseph Filion, 19, was released on bail of \$1,000, and Michael Henry Willoughby had bail set at \$500.

They were charged with assaulting Const. Edward Randall, who was in plain clothes and off duty at the time of the alleged assault.

Harmac Workers Give \$600 to Nanaimo Funds

NANAIMO—Harmac employees here donated \$200 Friday to the Nanaimo Christmas Cheer Fund to put it "over the top" in its drive to raise \$2,000. The money was collected to provide 200 Christmas hampers for needy families in the city and district. Chairman was Matt Armstrong.

The Harmac employees also donated another \$200 to the Salvation Army, \$100 to the muscular dystrophy fund, and \$100 to the march of dimes.

DEEP-SEA SHIPS IN PORT

(MORNING POSITIONS)
Victoria (Orden Point)—Ss. Klaus Schoke.
Crofton—Ss. Panamolg.
Nanaimo—Ss. Centaurus.
Cowichan Bay—Ss. Sunjarv.
Alberni—Ss. Santa Adela, Belberby, Sunrell.
Tahsis—Ss. Suneril.

OCEAN MAILS

Dec. 31—Ss. Parramatta, Japan, Hong Kong and Philippines.

Jan. 4—Ss. Orcaades, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand.

Jan. 4—Ss. American Mail, Japan, Hong Kong and Philippines.

Jan. 5—Ss. Hikawa Maru, Japan.

To determine tide in Saanich inlet area. For higher high water deduct 14 minutes; for lower low water deduct 33 minutes; for half-tides deduct 18 minutes; for highest and lowest deduct 33 minutes.

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Faulty Christmas Tree Lights Blamed for Logging Camp Fire

SOOKE—Defective Christmas tree lights were blamed for a fire Saturday night that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Walker at the Elder Timber Co. Ltd. camp eight miles west of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had no time to fight the fire. Their first act was to remove their

five children to safety, and when that was done the fire was too far advanced to save anything.

"The tree seemed to explode," Mr. Walker said after the fire. The family was left with nothing but the clothes they were wearing at the time. All their personal possessions were destroyed.

The four-room frame house belonged to the company, where Mr. Walker is employed as woods superintendent.

Although the family has no definite plans for accommodation, it is understood space is available at the camp.

Power is supplied to the camp by the B.C. Electric from its Jordan River line.

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BARBARA ANN OKAY; MISSES VIDEO SHOW

CHICAGO (AP)—Barbara Ann Scott, former Olympic figure skater and star of the Hollywood Ice Revue, is expected back in the show today after a two-day struggle with a virus infection.

The Ottawa-born skater was forced to pass up the traditional Christmas Night opening performance and Sunday night's televised show.

It was the first time she had ever missed a scheduled performance.

CLUB HOME TODAY

Cougars Bow To Stampeder

Calgary 5, Victoria 2

CALGARY (CP)—The Calgary Stampede consolidated their hold on third place in the Western Hockey League in Calgary Saturday night when they downed Victoria Cougars, 5-2, before 4,013 fans.

Cougars, playing their fourth game in five nights, appeared tired over most of the distance and were unable to offer Stampede serious opposition.

The setback left Billy Reay's Victoria club with a record of only one tie—a 5-5 decision over Saskatoon Quakers—on their current prairie tour which wound up here. They lost twice to Stampede and once to Edmonton Flyers.

Victoria Cougars were scheduled against Calgary Stampede in Western Hockey League hockey at Memorial Arena this afternoon. The contest was scheduled to start at 3.

The victory allowed Stampede to move to within one point of Edmonton and New Westminster Royals in the closely-contested WHL race. The setback left the Cougars in fourth spot, three points behind Stampede.

The clubs battled to a 2-2 stalemate in the opening period and Stampede fired the only two goals of the interesting sandwich session.

Gerry Doe Couture and Sid Flinney led the cowboys to victory with two goals each. Ray Barry got the singleton.

Alex Kuzma, and Lloyd Durham scored for Cougars.

Canucks Bolstered By Three New Players

Westminster 2, Vancouver 0; Edmonton 3, Saskatoon 1

Vancouver Canucks of the Western Hockey League will be pinning a lot of hope on three new men from eastern Canada tonight.

The Canucks lost their fourth straight game Christmas Day to drop further into the standings pit—only four points ahead of those veteran cellar-dwellers, Saskatoon Quakers.

Vancouver lost to New Westminster Royals 2-0 on the holiday, Saskatoon bowed 3-1 to Edmonton and Calgary Stampede outpaced Victoria Cougars 3-1.

The games left top rung of the ladder crowded again. New Westminster and Edmonton both have 41 points and one point behind is tenacious Calgary.

JOSTLES REFEREE
The first period at Edmonton Saturday saw the Quakers tie the Flyers 1-1 after some wild and heavily-penalized hockey. Saskatoon lost Jackie McLeod for the rest of the game when the all-star rightwinger jostled referee George Cullen. At the same time, playing coach Doug Bentley was given a 10-minute misconduct.

Norm Dixon Captures Annual Holiday Swim

Husky Norm Dixon, all-round athlete from Oak Bay High School, churned through 45 degree water Saturday to win the annual Inner Harbor polar bear swim.

Dixon led a field of nine hardy swimmers who braved the chilling water over a 50-yard stretch, with swimmers receiving handicaps.

Mayor Claude Harrison presented Dixon with the Capt. N. D. Harbord Trophy before a small crowd of shivering fans.

Russian Official Denies Subsidization of Athletes

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—When Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, returned from his tour of Russia last summer, he said firmly that he had seen nothing whatsoever which would lead him to believe that the Soviet Union was doing any bigger job of subsidizing its athletes than has long been done in other countries which subscribe to the amateur code.

Possibly aware that his words had not been swallowed whole, Brundage now backs them up with a statement from Nikolai Romanov, head of Soviet's department of physical culture, which leaves no room for misinterpretation.

So far as we are aware, this is the first time a responsible figure in the Russian sports scene made an official effort to still all subsidization rumors.

Writing in the current issue of the IOC's bulletin, published in Switzerland, Brundage says that in two long conferences Romanov emphasized to him that the principal objective of his program is the health and well being of the Russian people, with competitive sport only incidental. He quotes Romanov as saying:

"We know, believe in, and respect Olympic rules. We have, and want, no professional athletes in the U.S.S.R. We operate no special training camps for the athletes in



Th-Thank Y-Y-You, Your W-W-orship

Shivering but smiling after a chilling dip in the icy waters of Inner Harbor Christmas Day are the top three finishers in the annual Victoria Amateur Swimming Club Polar Bear Swim. Husky Norm Dixon, who churned his

way to first place, hugs Eva Hancock, left, who finished third, and Jack Paige, runner-up. Mayor Claude Harrison, right, holds the Captain N. D. Harbord Trophy which he presented to Dixon. (Times Photo.)

Wings-Leafs in Brawl; Chihawks Get Two Ties

NHL Summaries

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Montreal 2, New York 1; Chicago 4, New York 4; Detroit 1, Toronto 1

Chicago 3, Boston 3; Detroit 3, Toronto 2

Montreal 4, New York 1

(By The Canadian Press)

There wasn't much Christmas spirit around the National Hockey League. But there were plenty of ruffled feelings.

Take the Christmas holiday story of Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings.

The two clubs ignored peace and good will among hockey players Saturday as the second-place Wings beat the third-place Leafs 3-2 in one of the roughest games this season. There were 76 minutes in penalties and three players had to dig for a total of \$175 in league fines.

Things were more peaceful when Leafs and Wings met again in Detroit Sunday. That one ended in a 1-1 deadlock after Gordie Howe beat Toronto netminder Harry Lumley in the third period. Only 13 penalties, seven to Toronto, were called by referee Frank Udvari.

HAWKS TIE TWICE
There were three other games during the week-end. "They ain't nifty," nifty-pammy engagements, but few flax flax. The league-leading Montreal Canadiens slugged down the fifth-place New York Rangers 4-1 in Montreal and Chicago Black Hawks and Boston Bruins tied 3-3 Saturday. In another Sunday game, the last-place Hawks and Rangers tied 4-4 at Boston.

In the Detroit-At-Toronto game, a battle broke out in the second period when Detroit's Earl Reibel roughed up Lumley while he stood in the goalmouth. Harry dropped his stick and clobbered and whaled into Reibel. Then Lumley went after Marcel Pronovost of the Wings.

Soon everybody on the ice except Terry Sawchuk in the Detroit cage was in on it. Marcel Bonin of the Wings and Leafs' Larry Cahan couldn't stand the excitement. They leaped over the boards from the players' bench and waded in. Referee Jerry Oliniski and the two linesmen needed 15 minutes to restore order and assess penalties. Bonin and Cahan received 10-minute misconducts for going on the ice. Those penalties call for \$25 fines. Lumley was hit for \$25 for getting a fighting major and for coming out of his nets.

Pronovost received a \$25 major for highsticking and drawing defenseman Jim Morrison's

blood. He later got another fighting major and had to fork out \$25 again as a penalty for getting two majors in a game. Morrison and Leaf Captain Ted Kennedy also got majors. Sawchuk was given a misconduct for \$25 late in the game when he blurted some nasty words at linesman George Hayes.

It took two hours and 45 minutes to play the game. The referees, Kennedy and Ted Sloan for the Leafs; Bill Dineen with two and defenseman Red Kelly for the Wings.

At Detroit Sunday night, Rudy Migay sent Leafs into a 1-0 lead at 15:25 of the first period. It stood like that until Howe scored on a play with Johnny Wilson and Vic Stasiuk at 9:20 of the final period.

Leftwinger Doug Mohns beat goalie Hank Bassen with a 40-footer in the final minute to give Bruins their 3-3 tie against the Hawks in Boston before 9,729 fans. The goal capped a comeback after Hawks had taken a 2-0 lead on goals by Harry Watson in each of the first two periods.

STRATEGY
At New York Sunday night, the Hawks yanked Bassen late in the game and, with the extra forward, hunted Rangers until Mickoski fired one into the Boston cage to tie it 4-4.

Defenceman Allan Stanley led the Hawks with two goals before 10,572 of his old-time New York fans. Red Sullivan scored the other Chicago marker. Ron Murphy tallied twice for New York. Dean Prentice and Andy Bathgate scored singles.

Russians Blank Swedish Team
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Russia defeated Sweden 3-0 Sunday in the first match of a two-day international ice-hockey meet here.

The Russians, who upset Canada to win the world hockey championship here last winter, scored once in the first period and twice more in the second to down the Swedes, who finished fourth behind Russia, Canada and Czechoslovakia in last year's championships.

Furgol May Be Forced To Quit Tourney Golf
DALLAS (AP)—Ed Furgol, United States open golf champion, said Sunday he might have to quit the tournament trail for an indefinite period of time.

Furgol has been handicapped with a ruptured muscle in his right arm, his only good one.

"I had the arm examined in Miami Saturday," he said. "The specialist there told me I had another hemorrhage in the

U.S. Netters Lead Davis Cup Series

Trabert, Seixas Win Singles

By WILL GRIMSLEY

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—The United States took a stranglehold on the Davis Cup today when two long-frustrated veterans, Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, fought their way to almost identical four-set victories over young Australian foes in opening singles matches of the challenge round.

Trabert cut down Lewis Hoad in the first match, 6-4, 2-6, 12-10, 6-3. Seixas, 31-year-old United States champion, evened a long and embarrassing jinx by trouncing Ken Rosewall 8-6, 6-8, 6-4, 6-3.

Only one other time in the history of this storied international tennis competition dating back to 1900 has a team lost the opening two singles and come back to victory.

That was in 1939 at Philadelphia when Australia's John Bromwich and Adrian Panell fell on the first day but rallied to win over Bobby Riggs and Frankie Parker of the U.S.

In Tuesday's doubles, the Americans will send out Trabert and Seixas against Australia's Hoad and Rosewall or Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose, who have a brilliant doubles record.

A crowd of 25,578, largest ever to see a tennis match, sat in the big wood and steel saucer for the day's program.

BARRACKING

They were a fairly non-partisan assembly, though they let go some jeers during the second set of the Seixas-Rosewall match when Seixas protested a line call.

Seixas thought the call, an important one on game point which would have given him a vital service break in the only set he lost, was out. He said "no, no" and banged his racket to the ground where he thought the ball hit.

A low-murmur rolled through the crowd and there were shouts of "it was good," and "go on and play." The barracking continued when the players changed courts and the referee, Cliff Sproule, found it necessary to take a microphone and ask them to be quiet.

FOURTH ATTEMPT

This is the fourth year Seixas and Trabert have come to Australia in an effort to wrest back the trophy taken down under in 1950, but every previous mission has been in vain. Last year the Americans were beaten 3-2 with Trabert bowing to Hoad in a brilliant five-set match.

In the 22-game third set of the Trabert-Hoad match, Tony fought off one set point in the 17th game, twice came back from 15-40 on his own service and won the set with a powerful serve-volley exhibition in the 22nd game.

Then in the fourth set, it was Hoad who got the first service break in the fifth game to go ahead, 3-2. But Tony, with the aid of a net-cord shot, broke right back in the sixth game.

Hoad served eight double faults and most of them were costly. Four came in the third set and two came successively in the 14th game where Trabert scored an important break.

Seixas, who had lost to Rosewall eight of the nine times they had met and the last six times in a row, made good his boast he would end the Indian sign.

Pressure, Pre-Game Jitters Force Graham's Retirement
CLEVELAND (AP)—Otto Graham, who says the "mental pressure" of T-formation quarterbacking is too much for a 33-year-old bowed out of professional football Sunday amid the standing cheers of 43,827 fans.

Graham, who passed for three touchdowns and carried for three others, said definitely he was retiring after Cleveland's 56-10 championship victory over the Detroit Lions.

Cleveland fans, more demonstrative than ever before, poured from the stands and rimmed the sidelines—two minutes before the game ended Graham had to bull his way through backslappers to get to the dressing room.

Then, tugging off No. 14 jersey, he smiled and said quietly: "That's the way to quit... go out on top."

Coach Paul Brown, surrounded by well wishers in another part of the clubhouse, said he "hoped" Graham would reconsider.

"That tension just before the kickoff prompted my decision," Graham explained. "I hate that pre-game feeling and it gets worse and worse

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LIONS THUMPED 56-10

Browns Take Pro Grid Title

CLEVELAND (AP)—Otto Graham, who says he is going to retire, passed for three touchdowns and ran over three more himself Sunday as Cleveland Browns walloped Detroit Lions, 56-10, in the National Football League's championship playoff.

Before a Cleveland stadium crowd of 43,827, Graham personally smashed Detroit's effort to an unprecedented third straight professional title.

"The Browns, 2½-point underdogs, struck for five first-half touchdowns and a 35-10 intermission lead to score their first victory in nine meetings with the Lions since 1951.

Graham, who had announced this was his last game after nine Browns seasons, thrilled the throng in the big lakside bowl as well as a vast national TV audience with touchdown passes of 37, 10 and 31 yards and scoring smashes from the five-yard line, two-foot line and one-foot line.

Graham never had thrown a touchdown pass in two previous title encounters and two league games against the Lions—his quarterback Bobby Layne, was much-manhandled by the bruising Browns Sunday.

The Lions led briefly in the first quarter, 3-0, on Don Walker's 36-yard field goal, but they didn't put across a touchdown until, trailing 21-3, Bill Bowman crashed four yards to score in the second period.

BROWNS ROLLED

Then the Browns started rolling.

In the first period, Graham passed 37 yards for a touchdown to Ray Renfro. He made it 14-3 late in the period with a 10-yard pass to Pete Brewster.

On the first play of the second quarter, Cleveland made it 21-3 on Graham's two-foot smash.

Graham scored again on a bounding five-yard run, and passed 31 yards to Renfro in the three-yard line to make it 35-10.

The third period produced two more Cleveland touchdowns on a two-foot sneak by Graham and the other on Curley Morrison's 12-yard dash.

Chet Hanulak scored the eighth Brown touchdown in the fourth period on a 10-yard thrust.

Lou the Toe Groza converted after all eight Brown touchdowns.

Ingarfield Heads Junior Point Race

MOOSE JAW (CP)—Earl Ingarfield of Lethbridge maintained his 11-point lead in the Western Junior Hockey League's individual scoring race last week.

Official figures released here Sunday night, including games played Dec. 23, credit the starry Lethbridge centre with 39 points made up of 23 goals and 16 assists.

Ingarfield Lethbridge G A Pts

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The Original Hard Luck Boys

There will be a flock of champions crowned this week in the Victoria Curling Club's big Commercial Bonspiel. But Bobby McIntosh's rink will be long remembered for a match they lost Sunday. McIntosh's Capital City Roofing rink scored a rare seven-ender

on Sunday but still lost their match with J. Meadley's Dockyard rink, 11-9. Meadley counted in the last end to score the victory. Members of the unlucky rink are, left to right, Douglas Wilson, Jack Houston, Bobby McIntosh (skip), Bob Irwin. (Times Photo.)

Commercial Bonspiel Attracts 75 City Rinks

Bright hats, Indian sweaters and club crests of every size dotted Victoria Curling Club this week-end as the mammoth Commercial Bonspiel got under way.

Bonspiel Results

Sunday Commercial bonspiel curling results follow:

7:45 P.M.

Day (Duck) 10, Moore (RCN) 8.

Warran (Burrows) 14, Dryden (RCN) 19.

10:15 P.M.

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COMPTON RETURNS TO ENGLISH SIDE

NEWCASTLE, Australia (Reuters)—Denis Compton, in his first appearance since he broke a finger in the first test match, scored 55 not out for the touring English cricket team here today in a game against New South Wales northern districts. England scored 116 for four wickets in reply to the districts' first innings total of 211. The match ends Wednesday. The third test match begins Friday.

BASEBALL'S PROBLEM AIRED

Tailor-Made Parks Discredit to Game

NEW YORK (AP)—A friend who has a keen love for baseball, and is ever on the prowl for anything he thinks reflects discredit on the game, came in waving a clipping and muttering that if he had his way no major league club would be permitted to tailor the dimensions of its park to fit any one player or set of players.

"It's getting ridiculous," he fumed. "At this rate it won't be long until batting records don't mean anything. Look what the Cincinnati Reds did this year. They pulled in their rightfield fence so Ted Kluszewski could win the home run title. Now look at this."

The item which has aroused his ire quoted double-manager Paul Richards of Baltimore as

saying that the fences at Baltimore Stadium might be shortened next season "if that is what the fans want and if we think it will help our ball club." Richards added that, of course, he would have to wait and see if he had a pitching staff which could operate in front of shortened fences without getting

Clubs Tried for Size First

"Sure," our friend agreed, "let 'em change it. Let 'em put a barrier across the outfield, say 380 to 400 feet from the plate, the way they did in Cleveland. That's fair enough, and it makes things more interesting for the fans. All I'm asking is that Richards wait a while to wait and see what

kind of pitching he's got or maybe whether this Gus Triandos he got from the Yanks can put a long ball to left for him.

"One thing, he's being honest about it. The others when they wanted to get the best out of their power could always think up a good excuse, like putting in a bullpen or installing a new

Sport Shorts

North Beats South

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Missouri's quarterbacks, Tony Scardino and Vic Eaton, put on a spectacular passing demonstration to lead the Northern United States College All-Stars to a 14-7 victory over the South Saturday. A crowd of 18,000 saw the North win its first Blue-Gray game since 1948.

No Decision

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Lengthy negotiations over the Ottawa International League baseball franchise have wound up here on a "to be continued" note.

Minor League President

George M. Trautman, who invited Kansas City general manager Parke Carroll here for discussions with local business men, said Friday

"any announcement to be made will be made early next week."

Stamps Sign Two

CALGARY, Alta. (AP)—The Calgary Stampede of the Western Interprovincial Football Union, had two more Canadians signed to try-out contracts today for the 1955 season.

Guard Bob Geary and

tackle Tony Poljakowski, both of the Verdun, Que., Wildcats of the Quebec intermediate league, have been signed, manager Bob Robin-

Lead U.S. Team

CHICAGO (AP)—Hayes Alan Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., seeking a third straight title, and Boston's Tenley Albright, trying to recapture the women's crown, lead the 20-member United States team named for the world figure skating championships at Vienna Feb. 14-18.

Canadian Offers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—General manager Verne Lewellen of the Green Bay Packers said Saturday that quarterback Tobin Rohe has been offered "some good salaries" by Canadian football clubs.

"We understand he has been offered some good salaries up there," Lewellen said, "but we are pretty sure that he won't leave Green Bay."

It was believed that both Toronto and Winnipeg have shown interest in Rohe.

Sportsman Dies

MARATHON, Fla. (AP)—Harold A. Clark, Sr., 59, millionaire real estate developer and former racing figure, was found dead in his swimming pool here Friday. The manner of death was not immediately determined.

Red Defeat Predicted By Swedish Official

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Her last season by defeating Canada 7-2 at Stockholm.

Swedish Ice Hockey selection committee, doesn't believe the Russians will be able to retain the world amateur hockey championship.

"Personally, I believe that the Russian world champion victory was something of a mere chance," said Carlsson at Sunday's game in which Russia defeated Sweden 3-0. "If we had had a referee the result would have been more in favor of the Swedish team."

The Russians played in a manner that would never have been unpunished by a more qualified referee. I was very surprised when I saw that the Russians without objection were able to smash their opponents' skates, which is a deadly sin in the home country of ice hockey—Canada."

I think the Russians will lose their world champion title in the forthcoming championships and that the title will be regained either by the Canadians or the Swedes."

Russia won the championship

O.C. RUGBY

LONDON (Reuters)—Rugby results in RUGBY UNION.

Lancashire 11, Universities A. U. 5.

North 11, London Welsh 5.

Swansea 6, Walsington 5.

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Sunderland Takes English Soccer Lead

Wolverhampton Loses Pair To Everton

LONDON — Sunderland moved into first place in the English League first division football race today by drawing 1-1 with Huddersfield Town, while Wolverhampton Wanderers were being edged by Everton 3-2.

Charlton Athletic moved into a point tie with Wolverhampton by drawing 2-2 with Sheffield Wednesday.

Sunderland now has 30 points, one more than Wolverhampton and Charlton Athletic.

Manchester United lost a chance to gain when they were blanked 1-0 by Aston Villa. Fourth-place Chelsea and Arsenal tied 1-1.

Blackburn Rovers took the lead in the second division with a pair of week-end victories over Doncaster Rovers, 3-1, and 7-2. Bristol City scored two wins over Reading in the Third Division (Southern), 2-1 and 2-0.

On Saturday in First Division, Wolverhampton lost 3-1 to Everton while Sunderland played a 1-1 tie with Huddersfield.

Monday and Saturday scores follow:

MONDAY

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.

Chelsea 1, Arsenal 2.

Everton 3, Wolverhampton 1.

Swansea 2, Huddersfield 1.

Manchester United 0, Aston Villa 1.

Newcastle United 2, Manchester City 1.

Portsmouth 2, Blackpool 0.

Preston North End 0, Burnley 1.

Sheffield Wednesday 2, Charlton A. 2.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Bolton W. 0.

West Bromwich 1, Cardiff C. 0.

Division II.

Blackburn Rovers 3, Doncaster R. 1.

Bristol Rovers 1, Notts County 4.

Derby City 0, West Ham 0.

Hull City 6, Luton Town 0.

Sheff. Wed. 2, Rotherham Utd. 2.

Lincoln City 2, Rotherham Utd. 2.

Notts Forest 0, Birmingham City 2.

Port Vale 4, Plymouth Argyle 2.

Division III—Southern.

Colchester United 1, Aldershot 1.

Gillingham 3, Torquay United 1.

Reading 0, Brighton 0.

Millwall 2, Brentford 2.

Newport City 0, Crystal Palace 1.

Northampton T. 1, Queens Park R. 2.

Norwich City 3, Southend United 1.

Reading 0, Brighton 0.

Shrewsbury Town 2, Walsall 2.

Southampton 0, Bournemouth 0.

Southend United 1, Torquay United 1.

Watford 1, Bourne 0.

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GRIFFIN FUND AT \$1,200; DONORS THANKED

Ken Griffin and his family had a Merry Christmas because of the generosity of Victorians.

The former soccer star, a polo victim, has asked the Times to convey his gratitude for the generous response to the Ken Griffin Christmas Fund. The fund, started by sportsmen Don Gray, Jim Lackie, Charlie Lewis and Red McMillan, collected over \$1,200 in two weeks. All the money will be used to buy clothing, furniture, food and comforts for the Griffin family.

Although the fund closed Friday night, a total of \$130 was taken in over the week-end.

Included were \$50 from George Paul

TODAY'S STOCK QUOTATIONS

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NEW YORK

Aluminum	89 1/2	Chrysler	89 1/2	Intern Nickel	27 1/2
American Can	44 1/2	General Electric	89 1/2	Northern Pacific	27 1/2
American Smelter	44 1/2	General Motors	89 1/2	Radio	27 1/2
American T. & T.	12 1/2	Goodyear	29	Rockwell	27 1/2
Bell	10 1/2	Goodyear	29	Sears	27 1/2
Bell & Howell	10 1/2	Goodyear	29	Westinghouse	27 1/2

MONTREAL-TORONTO INDUSTRIALS

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TORONTO MINES

(Quotations an Hour Before Market's Close)

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TORONTO OILS

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ADVISORS NAMED FOR ANNACIS DEVELOPMENT

Frank M. Ross, CMG, MC, has been named chairman of the Annacis Industrial Estate advisory board, Groveson, Estates chief agent, George K. Ridley, announced in London, Eng., today.

Also on the board are James Eckman, chairman of the Greater Vancouver Industrial Development Commission; E. D. H. Wilkinson, of Russell and Du Moulin, barristers, and Gilbert Hardman, B.C. agent for Annacis Industrial Estates.

The advisory board will advise on policy for the development of North America's first industrial estate, located on Annacis Island in the Fraser River, just one mile from New Westminster.

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MARKET SUMMARIES

Base Metals Hit 1954 High At Toronto

The base metal index, supported by general strength in senior producers, hit four successive yearly highs and at 2 p.m. stood at 160.09 for a gain of more than a point on the day. The gold index was up more than a half point to 81.55.

Falconbridge was ahead \$1 and Noranda a major fraction. Teck-Horand touched \$4.50 in gold.

The mixed industrial board had foods strong but papers, utilities and manufacturers were easier. Western Grocers was off \$3 and Aluminum \$1.50.

Merrill touched \$9.10 on a 35-cent climb in western oils but the group was mixed. Meta shot ahead in early afternoon among uranium, touching \$1.08 in heavy turnover.

Many low-priced mines touched 1954 highs including New Thurbos, Purdy Mica, Ne-gus, National Exports and Norpac.

N.Y. Issues Move Lower

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market staged a retreat today with prices down moderately in the late afternoon. Losses went around 2 points while gains with a few exceptions were small.

New York Central rallied with gains running to around 3 points at times. Some other rails began an improvement in the shadow of Central's show of strength.

Lower issues included U.S. Steel, American Telephone, General Motors, Chrysler, Boeing, Philco, Allied Chemical and General Dynamics.

Among lower Canadian stocks were McIntyre, down 1/4, and Hiram Walker and Distillers Seagram, 1/4. Canada Pacific gained 1/4 and Dome Mines and International Nickel remained unchanged.

On the American stock exchange, Lake Shore and Royalite Oil were down 1/4 and 1/2 respectively. Giant Yellowknife was unchanged.

Ford Shares Show Gain at Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—Prices were irregularly stronger in quiet trading on the stock market today.

Canada Cement and Ford gained 2 points and Argus 1 1/2. Noranda added a point and Stelco 1/2. Price Brothers and CFC were 1/2 better.

Aluminum dipped 1/4 at 7 1/2 while McCall lost a point.

Miscellaneous Industrials moved higher while papers and senior metals were mixed. The remainder of the industrial market was unchanged.

Mines and oils were mixed in a narrow range.

A. C. Newton, Royalty Officer, Dies in Calgary

CALGARY (CP)—Alexander C. Newton, 68, died in hospital Friday after a long illness.

He was vice-president and director of the Royalty Oil Company Limited, vice-president and director of Burns and Co. Ltd., president of the Consolidated Fruit Company, vice-president of Palm Dairies, director of the Royal Trust Company and director of Burns Foundation Ltd.

Born in England, he came to western Canada as a youth of 17. For many years he looked after the interests of the Duke of Windsor in Alberta and was closely associated with the administration of the EP Ranch near High River.

CHICAGO

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Canada Spends Less on Arms

This Year's Billion Dollar Budget \$174 Million Below 1953 Level

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's arms-making machine slowed slightly in 1954 and federal spending on arms and equipment dipped to about \$1,000,000,000.

Procurement officials said this represents a decline of about \$173,000,000 from the 1953 postwar spending peak.

They believed that arms spending in 1955 will continue to decline to the 1954 rate, with emphasis on electronic equipment for the mid-Canada aircraft early warning system.

This information was disclosed Sunday as Production Minister Howe touched on defense production in his year-end economic review. Because of security, Mr. Howe's statement spoke only in general terms.

BELOW PEAK

"Defense procurement and construction, in terms of work done during the year, was below the peak level reached in 1953," he said.

"The value of orders placed, however, was up substantially over the previous year, but well below the 1951 and 1952 levels."

Officials said the government spent about \$400,000,000 for aircraft during the year. Mr. Howe said the highlights in getting into production on the Mark IV model of the CP-100 all-weather jet fighter and the Sabre VI, an improved version of the F-86 Sabre jet fighter. An advanced series of the Canadian Orinda jet engine was produced "according to schedule."

From other sources it was learned the CP-100 rate of production climbed to at least five a week, but that this rate will be reduced in 1955. Sabres also came off at about five a week and this rate will be maintained.

Mr. Howe recalled that Canada produced a number of T-34

SHIPBUILDING

In shipbuilding, where Canada spent about \$75,000,000 in 1954, the last 10 of the Canadian-designed non-magnetic coastal minesweepers were completed. Work advanced on the destroyer escort and frigate conversion programs.

The Arctic patrol vessel, Labrador, was accepted by the navy. It is the first specifically designed for northern operations and is the first naval vessel to complete a trip from Halifax to Esquimaux, B.C., via the north.

Production and development continued on new electronic devices, said Mr. Howe, and deliveries were completed on four gun weapons. It was learned that these were: the three-inch 50-calibre naval gun, the 155-millimetre long-range artillery gun, the 50-calibre Browning machine gun and the 120-millimetre gun.

TRADE CHIEF CHEERFUL

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister Howe predicted Sunday that Canada in 1955 will bounce out of her economic decline, but that there still will be some trouble spots.

"Import competition will continue to pose difficulties for some manufacturing industries," he said in a year-end review statement that covered economic developments on the home and foreign fronts.

Mr. Howe conceded that Canada was hit by an economic decline in 1954 that increased unemployment. He blamed this on a variety of factors, including decisions by many business men to get rid of goods they had stockpiled during the Korean crisis, the drop in exports and the increasing fight for the Canadian market between domestic goods and imports.

Not depressing.

But on the whole, he found the year not too depressing. It wasn't as good as the peak year of 1953, but it was better than any other. Farmers had less money because of a prairie crop failure and lower grain exports. The number of unemployed averaged 4.3 per cent of the working force, compared with 2.6 per cent in 1953. National savings also were down, mostly because of the drop in prairie income.

But the country's overall income increased slightly, reflecting, in part, higher wages for those with jobs. Taxes generally were lower, increasing the proportion of total income retained by individuals.

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U.S. ECONOMY STRONGER

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LONDON STOCK MARKET CLOSED

LONDON (BUP)—All London securities and commodity markets were closed today. They will reopen for trading Tuesday.

Death Claims Nixon Breen Of Winnipeg

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WINNIPEG (CP)—Nixon John Breen, 82, Winnipeg miller, insurance and motor sales executive and well-known western sportsman, died Sunday at his home.

He was former general manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co.; a founder of what is believed to be Canada's oldest motor sales agency, Breen Motors; for 26 years president of the North West Fire Insurance Co.; president of the Medicine Hat Milling Co., and the Sunset Manufacturing Co.; a director of Inter-City Western Bakeries Ltd. and Spleen's Bakery Co. Ltd.; and a former president and director of the Winnipeg Jockey Club.

Born in Enniskillen, Ireland, he came to Canada as a child, settling in Winnipeg at the age of 10. He first gained prominence as a hockey player here in the 1890s.

Survivors include his widow, Helen, and one daughter, a brother, T. G. Breen, and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Tuesday.

EXCHANGE

NEW YORK—Canadian dollar worth \$1.03 1/2 American. Pound sterling worth 12 1/2 Canadian. MONTREAL—United States dollar worth 12 1/2 Canadian. Pound sterling worth 12 1/2 Canadian.

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Gold Mine Subsidy Expected To Remain

Cost to Government Increases Each Year; More Than 70 Companies Now Receiving Aid

By HAROLD MORRISON CP Staff Writer

The cost of government subsidies for Canada's gold mines is increasing but indications are they will be renewed in 1955 with some modifications.

The subsidy plan, first launched in 1948, is designed to assist gold-mining areas and operators hampered by multiple price and exchange factors.

While federal officials are convinced the program is essential they are concerned over the rise in federal costs.

The aid program for 1954 is estimated to rise to about \$16,000,000, nearly \$1,200,000 higher than the \$14,800,000 cost in 1953. This will bring federal subsidy outlays to the industry to more than \$80,000,000 since the program began.

Only mines which sell gold to the government and do not export to the so-called world free market are eligible for federal aid. Officials said the main reason for the rise is the drop in free market selling.

Thirteen mines sold to the free market in 1953; this was reduced to five in 1954, and was further cut to one in the first quarter of 1955. More than 70 mines receive federal aid.

But while federal aid costs are increasing, the industry still faces many of the critical problems that have prevailed for many years.

Production costs have risen but attempts to persuade the United States—the world's main gold buyer—to agree to a price rise have failed.

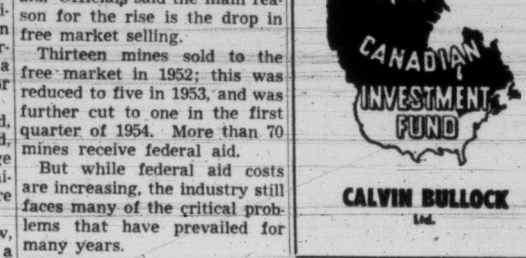
The official gold price has remained fixed for many years at \$35 an ounce in U.S. dollars. The U.S. has rejected appeals for an increase on the grounds that such a move would be inflationary.

And, the rise in the exchange value of the Canadian dollar has added to the industry's headaches.

The Canadian dollar now is worth just over \$1.03 in relation to the U.S. dollar and thus the operators receive a price of less than \$34 an ounce in terms of Canadian funds.

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Girl Shot Through Mouth While Opening Yule Presents

MARKHAM, Ont. (CP)—A 10-year-old girl was accidentally shot through the mouth by her younger brother as she sat at the family tree opening presents on Christmas morning.

Betty Walker slumped to the floor amid a pile of gay ribbons and wrappings when the bullet struck her mouth.

The bullet was removed in an emergency operation in a Toronto hospital. Betty was in "satisfactory condition" Sunday night, hospital attendants said.

The accident happened after Jimmy's older brother, Kenneth, 17, returned from target practice and placed the rifle on a couch.

Ship, 21 Men, Drift 5 Days, Reach Safety

European Storms Take 96 Lives

By Associated Press
Gale-battered ships, including one given up for lost, made port in England and on the continent after a week of raging storms.

The hurricane-battered Swedish freighter Petra, disabled and drifting helplessly in the raging North Sea since last Wednesday, was towed to the safety of Cuxhaven harbor early today.

The 1,371-ton vessel, was feared lost, rode out a storm that claimed 96 lives at sea and ashore and caused damage of millions of dollars across northern Europe.

Its masts, snapped by the winds, hung dangerously over the decks. Its rudder was gone, ripped off by mountainous waves. Its engines were silent, drowned by sea water. But all the crew of 21 survived.

100 HOURS SLEEPLESS
"We are dead tired," said helmsman Erik Johnson as he stepped off the ship. "We haven't slept for more than 100 hours."

The ship, carrying lumber from Gkemi, Finland, to Hull, England, ran into trouble early last Wednesday in the storm-tossed sea off the Dutch island of Texel.

By Christmas morning the Petra had drifted 115 miles northeastward to a short distance off Germany's Schleswig-Holstein coast. Anchors were dropped.

With the sea quieter, the first officer and five men put ashore in a rowboat and summoned tugs. The other 15 seamen remained aboard the Petra until the tugs, the Wotan and the Danzig, docked her at Cuxhaven.

Off Denmark, eight seamen and a woman cook from the sunken 550-ton Finnish coal ship Sweden were picked up from lifeboats Saturday night after 19 hours in stormy seas.

TOWED TO SAFETY
The 20,551-ton Liberator tanker Melika was towed into safety Sunday after her steering gear broke down off Holland.

In Britain, a second unsuccessful attempt was made to refloat the 6,207-ton Portuguese ship Lus, which ran aground only 25 yards off shore on Thursday morning. The 700-ton German motor vessel Ruhland was taken into tow by the British steamer Abetta after being reported drifting with engine trouble off Land's End on the Cornish coast.

TAPIOCA SOURCE
Manioc or cassava root, source of tapioca and manioc meal, grows profusely in most parts of Brazil.

Tears May Contain Cure For Cancer

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Tears contain a substance which shows some experimental hope as a weapon against cancer, two chemists reported Sunday.

Tiny amounts of the substance injected directly into cancers in mice caused some of the malignancies to disappear entirely and significantly prolonged the lives of the diseased animals, said Dr. Otto Lobstein and Dr. S. Y. Dikin of Chem-Tech Laboratories, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The substance is lysozyme. It is an enzyme, a chemical wrecking agent normally present in body fluids such as blood and saliva. As an important component of tears, it protects the eyes against harmful microbes.

GREAT SINGER
Dame Nellie Melba, Australian soprano who died in 1931, sang at school concerts at age six.

145 DIE AT JAPAN'S FAVORITE SUICIDE SPOT; 727 'RESCUED'

ATAMI, Japan (AP)—This hot springs resort area, Japan's favorite suicide scene for hundreds of years, established a record in 1954.

Atami is 50 miles southwest of Tokyo. Police say 145 leaped to their deaths here this year, but they credit their 77-man "suicide squad" with having prevented 727 from succeeding.

Most of the suicides hurled themselves into the rocky surf below the mile-long Nishikura precipice. There were 103 men and 42 women, police figures show.

"Financial troubles" was listed this year as the No. 1 reason.

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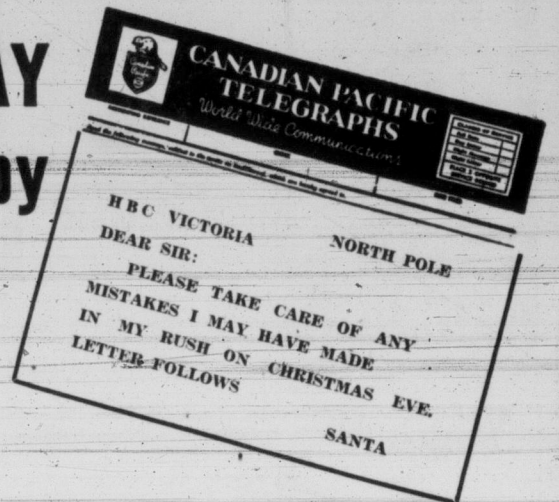


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9 a.m. SPECIALS

On Sale One Hour Only or While Quantities Last
No Phone, C.O.D. or Mail Orders Please

Dresses for junior sizes—Wools and taffetas in tailored or dressy styles with full or straight skirts. Black, \$3 brown, navy, green. 11 to 17. Each BAY soda set shop, fashion floor, 2nd

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2 p.m. SPECIALS

On Sale One Hour Only or While Quantities Last
No Phone, C.O.D. or Mail Orders Please

1 price! Women's suits—100% wool, wool and rayon gabardine, wool flannel, latest styles! Sizes 12-20 col. Reg. \$55. Special 27.50

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SALE of NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS



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Completely new stock that arrived too late for this Christmas . . . Here are fresh sparkling designs from leading manufacturers . . . Coutts and Rustcraft at terrific savings for you! Buy them now, while the supply is fresh, and put them away for next season!

All boxed cards, reg. 69c to \$2! Now 34¢ to \$1
Gift wrap, reg. 25c now 2 pkgs. 25¢

BAY stationery, main

Use your BAY gift certificate or "Christmas Cheque" Tuesday to take advantage of the wide selection of new merchandise

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BETWEEN TIMES

By MONTE ROBERTS

Please don't feel hurt if you didn't happen to receive a Christmas card from me.

It was not because I forgot to put your name on the list.

It was because I didn't happen to send out any Christmas cards this year.

But I did happen to be thinking of you on Christmas Day, and I hope you were really happy—inside happy—with the ones you love best.

Two fast Christmas card anecdotes before you put Santa away in mothballs for another year.

A man I know finished addressing his cards early last week, and, to his dismay, found he had one left over.

"What'll I do?" he asked his wife. "Can't let a Christmas card go to waste."

"You must have forgotten someone," his wife said.

"I did not," he cried, indignantly. "I am a very careful and methodical man, and I have sent a card to everyone I know."

"Then send your last card to someone you don't know," his wife suggested.

So the man picked up the telephone directory and sent the card to the last name in the book.

I hope Mr. James Zwinger enjoyed receiving it.

The other Christmas card story (also true) involves one of Victoria's largest companies.

In one of its many offices, two personal friends sit at desks only a few feet apart.

Friend A. was ordered by his wife to send a card to Friend B. Friend A. said he'd just hand it to Friend B.

But Friend A.'s wife insisted the card go through the mail.

So Friend A., at the office one morning, asked Friend B. what his address was, and laboriously wrote out the card.

Another member of the office staff, chancing to enter the conversation, offered to deliver the card for half price, but was turned down.

So the card was duly sent down to the mailing department, with four cents attached to it, to cover the cost of the stamp.

And, while it waited in the "out" mail basket, it was spotted by the general manager of the company.

Who picked it out of the basket, personally carried it back up to the general office, and delivered it to Friend B. First pocketing the four cents.

(This may be a federal offense—defrauding the post office department, or something—so the firm, the two friends, and the general manager remain nameless.)

And may I be the first to wish you a happy Groundhog Day?

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

A 56-ton pulp digester for the Port Mellon pulp mill of Canadian Forest Products has been completed by Victoria Machinery Depot and will be delivered this week.

Work on the \$30,000 machine was done at the Bay Street plant.

L. Stohard, 1902 Cook, reported to police Saturday theft of a radio-aerial from his car. He said the thief broke the aerial off the car while it was parked.

City police were told that someone had stolen milk tickets and a package of cigarettes left for the milkman from a porch at 2604 Roseberry early Sunday morning.

Saanich firemen found wood near a chimney smouldering when they attended a call at 1930 Haultain Sunday afternoon. Damage was slight.

Richard Good, 512 Hillside, reported to city police Sunday morning that someone had entered Fernwood Garage, 2320 Fernwood, and stolen \$10 in change.

Entry was apparently gained by breaking a window in the rear of the premises.

Crowing roosters at 2632 Cedar Hill Road are not long for this world.

B. Nicholson, 2636 Cedar Hill Road, complained to city police that roosters next door were crowing too early in the morning.

Owner of the birds told police Sunday that the roosters will be "in the pot" shortly.

TUESDAY MEETINGS

Victoria Kiwanis Club: Empress Hotel, noon. Speaker, Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Lewis McLean, moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Victoria North Kiwanis Club: Monterey Restaurant, 6.15 p.m. Speaker, Mat Matiko.

Chinese Suffers Multiple Injuries

A 56-year-old Chinese was in "fair" condition at St. Joseph's Hospital after falling 35 feet from a building to the pavement on Government Street this morning.

Lee Yong, 1618 1/2 Government, suffered multiple fractures and lacerations.

He fell from a window of his living quarters.

Search Called Off

Search has been called off for a fishboat thought to have vanished in rough seas off Gordon Head late Thursday afternoon.

RCAF, RCMP and Saanich police co-operated in the fruitless hunt after eye-witnesses reported a boat low in the water, and apparently in trouble.

ABC CLOBBED FOR CHISHOLM SHOW

20 in B.C. Gag at Anti-Santa Gag

A Christmas Eve production on CBUT of "Press Conference" featuring Dr. Brock Chisholm, a program which drew violent protests when telecast in eastern Canada, caused only a "mild protest" at the CBC studios in Vancouver, officials said today.

Only three calls were received Christmas Eve, according to a CBC official, and the total number received was less than 20.

Most of the calls protested that since Christmas is essentially for children, the subject of the show was not the correct thing to televise.

The program, telecast at 10 p.m. Friday, discussed Dr. Chisholm's theory that children should be told that Santa Claus is only a Yuletide myth, since it hurts youngsters psychologically when they find out that old St. Nick is not a real person.

When the program was first shown in the east, more than 100 people complained to the



HERE'S HOW MANY A WOMAN SAW HERSELF CHRISTMAS MORNING—but only in her dreams. The reason the dream wasn't true is on the other side of the price tag, decently hidden to protect hubby's blood pressure. The model is Sylvia Berg, and the picture was taken at Foster's Fur Store, 753 Yates. The stole—a "steal at only \$795"—was fashioned from the pelts of Canadian silver-blue ranch mink. (Times Photo.)

PRICE TAG CRUSHES US

Mink's Luscious—But So Precious

By TONY DICKASON

Mink in the Victoria area do better as cagey little animals than as coats.

A survey of leading fur stores disclosed a distinctly limited number of mink coats available for Milady. Only two stores said they had mink coats, and one only had one.

It was selling "at a reduction" for \$2,950.

Stores don't like to see any one getting away who shows even the slightest indication of interest in former mink.

A sale means they can pay the light bill for a long time.

Apart from coats, there are other casual items manufactured from mink now dressing up store fur vaults. One store reported a mink stole

"a steal" for \$795. Mink capes can be used to "tone up" that let-down after-Christmas feeling for as little as \$395.

What generally happens here, if a person just can't live without a mink coat, is to order from Vancouver

branches of firms or from eastern Canada.

If the lady of the house really wants to give the piggy bank a good shaking, she can buy mink coats at almost any price up to \$12,000. A "good" coat is valued at around \$5,000.

Apparently climate has little to do with sale of the coats. They are just as popular in temperature zones as in the cold of Crocus, Saskatchewan.

Women just like to stroke the fur and purr.

Mink are easily upset little creatures, and are known to have the same effect on husbands.

College Opens Lists for Night Classes

Registration forms are already being received at Victoria College from persons planning to enroll in one of the 11 courses that will be offered by the college's Evening Division, beginning in the New Year.

Considerable interest has been shown in the 10-week course in conversational French to be given by Dr. Ronald Oldham, assistant professor of French at Royal Roads.

Other slated courses include: An Introduction to Anthropology, by Wilson Duff; Canadian Military Campaigns, by Reginald H. Roy; Antique Furniture, by Mrs. Peggy Bartholomew; and Law for the Layman, by Lloyd G. McKenzie.

Most of the courses begin in the second week of January.

Prof. Robert Wallace, director of Evening Division, has called for early registration. Persons interested in the evening courses are being supplied information through the office of the college registrar.

Six Local Men Join Ship Crew

Six sailors from Victoria and one from Vancouver were signed on the British freighter St. Harpalycus on Christmas Eve to replace seven Somali seamen who refused to re-join the ship after conflict with white members of the crew. Harpalycus sailed from Ogden Point at 4 p.m. Friday.

The Somalis were acquitted of desertion charges by Magistrate Thomas Dohm in Vancouver police court.

Victorians who signed on were William L. Wright, John Yeend, Leonard J. Nott, R. E. Lindon and P. T. Rasmussen.

Borden Company Plans Elsie Doll

The Borden Company is going into the toy business.

The milk processing concern is going to manufacture "Elsie the Cow" dolls under license from Elsie Enterprises, a unit of the Borden advertising department.

The doll will not bear the Borden name but company surveys have shown seven out of 10 recognize Elsie as the Borden cow.

The real Elsie has been making personal appearances for the company over the past 15 years.

Icy Island Highways Impede Yule Motorists

CHRISTMAS DINNER THIEF DOESN'T FORGET THE 'TIP'

A thief with a Christmas taste Sunday night made away with part of a turkey, two bottles of wine and a \$2 bill from the home of A. C. Lincoln, 1330 Thurlow.

Mrs. Lincoln told police they had left the house at about 7.30 p.m. Sunday and returned two hours later.

When she went to the refrigerator to get part of a 12-pound turkey to make sandwiches, the "cupboard" was bare.

Then she discovered the bottles of wine had "flown the coop" also.

The \$2 bill was taken from a child's wallet that was left on a table. Other valuables were not disturbed.

Holiday Accidents Injure 15 in City

Car Collisions at Intersections Chiefly Responsible for Yule Toll

Fifteen persons were taken to hospital for treatment Christmas Eve following traffic accidents on crowded city streets. Only minor incidents were reported Saturday and Sunday.

Four persons were rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital following a two-car collision at about 3 Friday afternoon at Cook and Fairfield.

Injured were Mrs. Hazel Calaway, 22, Surrey Centre, B.C.; her four-year-old daughter, Glenda; Robert Mather, 24, 660 Kenneth, and Leo Iverson, 20, Wains Cross Road, Sidney.

Mather was admitted to hospital suffering head lacerations. The others were treated and released.

City police said a car driven west on Fairfield by Iverson collided with an auto driven south on Cook by Mather.

Mather was thrown from his auto by force of the impact. Damage to both cars was heavy.

THREE-CAR COLLISION

Mrs. Marie Martin, 60, 996 Southgate, suffered leg and chest injuries when she was a passenger in a car involved in a three-car collision at View and Vancouver.

Also injured was Miss Marie Martin, 30, Elsie Kurran, 24, 1215 McKenzie, and Bernard Kurran.

A car travelling east on View driven by Bernard Kurran, collided with an auto proceeding north on Vancouver, driven by Thomas Mahwinny, 996 Southgate.

Both cars also collided with another car stopped on View.

An auto driven south on Douglas by Darcy Martin, 2370 Pacific, was in collision with the rear of an auto driven by Dorothy Huppman, Seattle, Wash., proceeding south on Douglas making a left turn onto Calcedonia.

John Owens, 930 Mason, a passenger in the Washington car, was taken to hospital with head injuries.

Robert Curran, 24, 3590 Cedar Hill Road, suffered wrist lacerations when involved in a collision at Cedar Hill and Hibernian Crescent, near Kiwanis Village.

FENCE DEMOLISHED

Curran was driving in a northerly direction on Cedar Hill Road when in collision with a car driven by Robert Conrad Darnell. The Curran car tore out 12 feet of fence at 2927 Cedar Hill Road.

Mrs. Evelyn Bridges, 1738 Davies, was taken to hospital for a check-up following an accident at Superior and Government.

CHRISTMAS COMES TWICE

Carol Ann Lavigne had a happy Christmas at home with her family.

The tiny, blonde, eight-year-old leukemia victim who doctors said might not be here for Christmas was as excited as any youngster when she awoke Christmas morning and spent a full day playing with her two brothers, Gerry, seven, Roger, 12; her sister, Judy, 14; her mother and father and her Uncle Jack, who came over from Vancouver.

Saturday was the second Christmas observance in the Lavigne home at 1220 Pembroke.

JOKE ON SANTA

Because of the warning given by doctors earlier in the month, the family had one Christmas celebration two weeks early.

"It's been wonderful to know there are so many nice people thinking of us," Mrs. Lavigne said. "We have received letters from all over."

Frost, Snow General; Malahat 'Dangerous'

Arctic air invaded Vancouver Island during Christmas, spreading a treacherous coating on the highways that impeded holiday motor travel.

The Malahat was listed as "dangerous" for travel.

Victoria almost got a "White Christmas" over the week-end. Billowy clouds brought snow flurries to outlying districts Friday night, and one of the heaviest frosts of the year followed on Sunday morning.

Highways on the higher levels were turned into treacherous sheets of ice and snow.

Ponds and sloughs froze solid. Weather conditions were similar elsewhere on Vancouver Island.

CARS BOGGED DOWN

In the Port Alberni district, near Cameron Lake, 12 cars were bogged down by snow for several hours early Christmas morning when the road became too slippery. Public works crews were called to sand the highway before normal traffic was restored in the Alberni Valley.

The weatherman described Victoria's Christmas weather as a mixture of "snow and rain."

HILLS SNOW-COVERED

In the outlying districts snow fell and stayed. The Sooke Hills were covered by four inches of snow by Christmas morning.

At Glen Lake, intermittent snow flurries began to fall shortly after midnight Saturday and remained on the ground.

Snowfall was fairly heavy on the Malahat early Christmas morning.

The Christmas Day weather

here was fair. Some light showers fell, but there were sunny periods.

On Sunday morning the frost was so heavy that many Victorians at first thought snow had fallen during the night. The roofs of homes and cars were covered with frost. Ponds in the country were frozen with a thick layer of ice. The frost in some areas did not clear up until late in the afternoon.

But Sunday was one of the finest days of the month. The sky was clear and the air cool and crisp. The Island Highway in low lying areas was treacherous due to icy conditions, according to police.

At Duncan, Ladysmith, Alberni and Courtenay similar weather conditions prevailed during the two days. Cumberland, however, received a heavier fall of snow than other districts.

The mountains, behind Courtenay, including Mount Arrow-smith, all received a heavy snow fall.

SHOWERS, WIND

Victorians in the next 24 hours can expect showers and 20-mile-an-hour winds, according to the weatherman's forecast. The air will also be warmer and so far there is no indication of a prolonged cold spell.

Capt. W. Ord Dies; Noted Dickensian

By MONTE ROBERTS

Capt. Wilfrid Ord for 25 years chief clerk to the superintendent of lights, department of transport in Victoria, died in Royal Jubilee Hospital Sunday in his 68th year.

Capt. Ord was on retirement leave from the department, having left active service on Oct. 31 of this year.

During his years of service he was affectionately regarded by his fellow workers as a "fix-ture" in the department, as he worked at the arduous chore of fighting down the mounds of paper work necessary to keep aids to navigation in operation.

Until the marine agent's office moved to the new post office building from the old, red brick customs house on Wharf Street, Capt. Ord worked at a long, battered desk table. Perched on an old-fashioned, high, clerk's stool, he carried out his daily tasks with a twinkle in his eye and a ready smile.

CROSS-COUNTRY RACER

The veteran marine worker was born in Heidelberg, Germany, the son of a British university professor who was then taking a post-graduate course in the German city. He was five when the family returned to their home in Bristol.

He was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, and Manchester University, where he was a cross-country runner of note.

Like his father before him, he became a teacher, but his career was interrupted by the First World War. Capt. Ord won a commission in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, served in France with the 6th Battalion, was wounded three times and Mentioned in Despatches. For two years following the armistice, he was with the British Army's Education Corps.

SCHOOL TEACHER

In April, 1921, he came to Victoria, and for a short time worked in the woods before returning to teaching. During the 1923-24 term, he was vice-principal at Margaret Jenkins School, but after affects of his war wounds caught up with him, and he was forced to leave the classrooms.

He occupied himself with private tutoring until he joined the Department of Transport—then the Department of Marine and Fisheries—in 1929.

Capt. Ord was active with many Victoria organizations. He was president of the Dickens Fellowship for five years, and served two terms as a member of the Victoria School Board, just before the Greater Victoria School Board was formed eight years ago. He was president of the British Empire Club, and a charter member; president of

the Christ Church Cathedral Choir, and president of the Victoria Choral Society.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marion Ord, whom he married in England in 1915; and a daughter, Mrs. D. B. Ferris, Victoria. Mrs. Ord is the founder of the Victoria School of Expression.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of Hayward's Funeral Co., will be announced later.

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This Telephone Index Is Our Favorite Gift

By PENNY SAVER

If you can crawl out from beneath the tissue and ribbon, I'd like to wish you a Merry two-days-after-Christmas! Wonder if many people put on as many pounds as I did during the past 48 hours? Ah, but it was wonderful... the turkey done to perfection and the pudding steaming hot and luscious... both days! Yep, I was one of the lucky ones who ate two Christmas dinners, one on Christmas Day and the other Boxing Day. I'm not so lucky in one way, though... I haven't stepped on the bathroom scales.

One of my favorite presents is one that didn't land up under the tree. This came to the office, and already we are finding it a terrific convenience.

It is a little black plastic roll that attaches to the front of our desk telephone. All I have to do is give it a pull and out rolls an alphabetically-indexed sheet for telephone numbers. Dardest rig ever!

And you know, the long white sheet isn't made of paper. Nope, it's a sort of cloth, stiff and crisp like paper, but which resists tearing.

List the numbers you call regularly, and when your memory lets you down, a little pull on this rig will bring it back. Whether you use it at home or in the office, I know you'll find it a great help.

This is one item that can't be bought just yet. We were lucky to get this "Christmas preview" of it, but they are not available in Victoria for a little while. But they will be soon, so keep an eye for them!

If your family is like ours, it is living on snacks right now. The thought of a big meal is no more a delight.

So, that's why I want to tell you about a jelly spread for bread and butter, to make it taste (slurp) good. Funny thing, you buy it in packages, not jars, and you mix it with water. A 15-cent packet of instant jelly mix will fill two six-ounce glasses with spread. If that isn't reasonable, I don't know what is! Flavors are cranberry, red currant, concord grape and wild crabapple.



by Alice Brooks

Scraps-Into-Apron!
Glamor gifts! Bazaar beauties! Applique, embroider pockets, pot-holders—so easy, gay! Add crisp ruffling for charm!
Pattern 7093: four embroidery transfers, tissue pattern. Choose pretty 1/4-yard remnant for each plus contrast. Medium size only.

Send 25 cents in coins for this pattern (stamps cannot be accepted) to The Times, Household Arts Dept., 60 Front St. W., Toronto 1-A, Ont. Print plainly name, address, pattern number: 1-A, Ont.

TODAY'S RECIPE

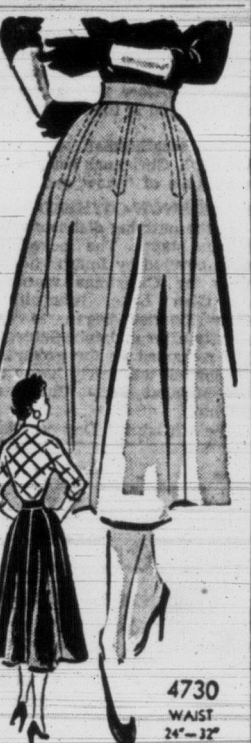
MACARONI TURKEY PIE

The seasonal request for new recipes for utilizing holiday leftovers is with us again. Most families still have plenty of good eating left on the holiday bird, although their enthusiasm for it has probably dimmed. The housewife's problem is to present leftover turkey in a new guise, to still those groans of "Not turkey again!"

This new recipe for macaroni turkey pie will do the trick. It serves six amply: Eight ounces macaroni 4 table-spoons butter or margarine, 3 cups diced leftover turkey, 1 cup cooked peas, 4 cups cream of mushroom soup, diluted, 1 cup chestnuts, (if desired).

Boil chestnuts for 10 minutes, peel and chop. Cook macaroni according to directions. Drain and rinse. Melt 3 table-spoons butter or margarine in a large saucepan. Add turkey, and brown. Add soup and peas, and heat. Add macaroni and turn into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with chestnuts, and dot with remaining butter or margarine. Bake in a moderate oven until browned.

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by Anne Adams

8-Gore Classic

Sew-easiest skirt flatters your figure—teams up with everything! It's a smart eight-gore classic with just the right amount of flare to look completely new—to mold your hips to a slim, sleek line. Perfect for a casual rayon, wool, or an elegant velveteen.

Pattern 4730: Misses' waist sizes 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32 inches. Size 28 takes 2 1/4 yards 39-inch. This pattern easy to use, simple to sew, is tested for fit. Has complete illustrated instructions.

Send 35 cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Print plainly size, name, address, style number.

Send order to Anne Adams, care of The Times, Pattern Dept., 60 Front St. W., Toronto 1-A, Ont.



Tweed in Fashion

Dorothy Fleming, Toronto model, has been chosen as the "Tweed Lady," to focus attention on tweed with tweed as a popular fashion fabric this season. She wears a honey-colored evening gown called "Jeweled Tweed." Designed with a softly-draped, pink tulle bodice, the floor-length skirt is decorated with colored velvet appliques in the shapes of sparkling jewels. The evening shoes are of matching tweed. (CP Photo.)

WHY GROW OLD?

By JOSEPHINE LOWMAN

Walk and Take Time To Look Around You

A walk means many things to many people. Some like to walk alone while some like company. Some like to walk along in reverie while some like to explore the world of ideas while they walk.

It was said that Thomas Carlyle, the great writer and philosopher, used to jot down ideas which occurred to him during a walk and then pin them to his clothes. By the time he returned home he looked more like a tattered mailman than the famous person he was. Many folks feel that they get their best ideas when walking alone.

There is no doubt about it! The walk is wonderful for two reasons besides its health value, which is great. It is one way to "get away from it all." Also, it gets you into the centre of life about you. You can see a view from a vehicle, but you can't see the world from one. You have to be walking in it, smelling it, and feeling it under your feet in order to really see it.

When you go for your walk do not feel compelled to go any certain distance or get anywhere at any certain time. Enjoy yourself! If you see something you like, stop and look at it. If you see someone you know, stop and chat.

The seasons are always on the march. Enjoy the beauty of each one. I am sure that there are many places close by which you have not explored. Have you simply glimpsed the beautiful flowers in your neighbor's yard, or the colored birds which appear in the springtime? Have you really stopped to look at snow on the evergreens or watched it as it turns to diamonds in the moonlight? Did you ever really stop

AS WE LIVE

Time Won't Remove Cause of Tantrums

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PhD

One of the most common fallacies in child-rearing is the belief that a youngster will "outgrow" undesirable forms of behavior. A mother writes:

(Q)—"I have three children, 4, 3 and 1. My four-year-old son is the one I am worried about. I treat my three children the same; they all get love and affection from my husband and me. But my son goes into a tantrum if I ask him to do things. He jumps up and down, then sits on the floor, screams and kicks his feet. We don't know what to do. Everyone says he will outgrow it, but still we worry. What is your opinion?"

(A)—I agree with your friends, but within limits. Your son will "outgrow" his tantrums. He will stop jumping up and down and screaming. When he is old enough to go to school he will discover that other children think such behavior is "babyish" and will make fun of him.

That, however, is as far as my agreement with your friend's opinion goes. Just because your son stops his babyish tantrums will not mean that he has outgrown his anger and resentments. Instead, he will express them in a more grown-up way. He will sulk, be grouchy or sarcastic and make himself generally disagreeable. His tantrums will simply have taken another form.

Find out why he gets so angry; then try to correct the cause. Since he is the oldest of your children, he may resent being treated like the younger ones. Give him more responsibilities and privileges, and treat him as the oldest child. See if this does not do the trick.



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39th Annual Meeting Held By Auxiliary

Mrs. W. R. Hunter was re-elected president of the Afternoon Branch of St. Luke's Auxiliary at the 39th annual meeting held earlier this month. Mrs. K. Cheston is first vice-president; Mrs. F. S. Maddock, second; Mrs. S. Bryant, treasurer; Mrs. R. O. Taylor, secretary; Mrs. George Buckland, educational; Mrs. H. Gallop, Dorcas; Mrs. E. Townsend, social service; Mrs. M. Harvey, Living Message; Mrs. S. S. Macroe, Girls' Auxiliary leader, and Mrs. C. Fortt, thank-offering. The branch enjoyed a Yuletide party at the home of Mrs. G. Lifton, recently.

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Young Scott Howard Usborne, who came from North Vancouver with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Usborne, to spend the holiday week-end, received his names in a ceremony in Centennial United Church Sunday. Rev. Douglas Car officiated and godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Lovitt of this city. Later a small informal tea was held at the home of the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Howard, Summit Avenue, where the young family has been staying. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Usborne of Vancouver.

Holiday in New Mexico

Miss Gael Champion, 1737 Haultain Street, left Sunday for Albuquerque, N.M., to spend the next two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. David Kendall Adams. Mrs. Adams is the former Miss Anne Whittington of this city.

Lorraine Bowen, Ft.-Lt. Broughton Exchange Vows on Christmas Eve

A Christmas Eve wedding ceremony in Central Baptist Church united in marriage Lorraine Joyce Bowen, daughter of Mrs. Albert A. Bowen, 3354 Doncaster Drive, and the late Mr. Bowen, and Ft.-Lt. H. Lorne Broughton, Winnipeg, Man., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Broughton, 2751 Richmond Road, Victoria.

Dr. J. B. Rowell conducted the double ring service in a setting of pink and white chrysanthemums. Miss Phyllis Hick played organ music and "The Wedding Prayer" was sung during the signing of the register, by Mrs. Carol Salmon.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Clinton E. Holder, the fair-haired bride was charming in her gown of white lace over satin. A band of white velvet leaves studded with rhinestones enhanced the

Salt Spring Notes

Among the guests at the Bryant-Mouat wedding in Ganges this afternoon were Mrs. M. Carswell of Victoria, grandmother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryant and Ross of Brentwood, parents and brother of the groom; Miss Pat Meagher of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robillard and Fred Milne, all of Sooke; Miss Annie Biskupovich of Duncan and Miss Shirley Smith of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbett and their three children spent the Yuletide with Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Desmond Crofton, at Ganges.

Mrs. A. J. MacDonald, Beddis Road, Ganges, has her son and daughter, Mr. Douglas MacDonald and Miss Joan MacDonald with her for the holiday season. Both are attending University of British Columbia.

Miss Susan MacWilliams and Mr. Don MacWilliams, both of University of British Columbia, are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. J. MacWilliams, Scott Road, Ganges.

Capt. and Mrs. J. Mitchell and Miss June Mitchell, entertained friends at a sherry party in their home on Beddis Road, on Boxing Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Humphries entertained at an egg-nogg party in their Ganges home on Boxing Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Kropinski, Upper Ganges Road, were at home to friends on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Crofton and their three children came from their home at Colwood, V.I., to spend Boxing Day visiting friends at Ganges.

Lt.-Col. F. Macgregor Macintosh and Mrs. Macintosh were guests at Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, for Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Wedding Guests

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Abbott and Ralph of Vancouver and Miss Irene Broughton of Three Hills, Alta., were among guests at the wedding of Miss Lorraine Joyce Bowen and Ft.-Lt. H. Lorne Broughton in Central Baptist Church on Christmas Eve.

of interest to Women

Editor

Elizabeth Forbes

Vows Spoken This Morning

This morning in St. Andrew's Cathedral at 10 a.m. Rev. Father M. Costello heard the wedding vows of Sharon Dawn Payne and J. C. Rene Reinhardt. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Payne, 1135 Yates Street, and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Reinhardt, Quebec City, Que.

Baskets of white chrysanthemums created a setting for the wedding. Miss M. McKay was organist and Mrs. S. Rogers sang "Ave Maria" while the register was being signed. The bride's father gave her in marriage.

Nylon net over satin was used to fashion the exquisite wedding gown, styled with floor length skirt banded with lace and with accented pleating in the front panel. A nylon net bandeau held the three-quarter length veil and the bride carried a mother-of-pearl prayer book topped with an orchid and narcissi.

Miss Betty Payne, sister of the bride, as the only attendant, wore pink net over silk in semi-formal length with matching gloves and headpiece. She carried white chrysanthemums. Jim Campbell was best man and the ushers William Haley and Douglas Coates.

Reception was held at Strathcona Hotel where a three-tier wedding cake centred the lace covered table. Mr. Haley proposed the toast to the bride.

The honeymoon will be spent up-island, the bride travelling in a navy blue suit with winter white topcoat and accessories. A white orchid completed her ensemble.



Miss Joan Forrest recently completed a five-year stint in the British Colony in Hong Kong with the Asiatic Petroleum Company, a Shell Oil subsidiary. Taking the long route back to Canada, she spent two months visiting in European countries. Miss Forrest is the daughter of Mrs. L. A. Grogan, Shawnigan Lake, and a sister of Peter Forrest, 4160 Cedar Hill Road, where she spent the past week-end.

Kamloops Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stufek are leaving for their home in Kamloops this evening after spending the Yuletide with Mrs. Stufek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Food at their home on Roslyn Road.

Yvonne Mouat and Andrew John Married Today in Ganges Church

A wedding of much interest on Salt Spring Island and the lower Mainland took place in St. George's Church, Ganges, this afternoon when Ellen Yvonne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Mouat, Rainbow Road, Ganges, became the bride of Andrew John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryant, Verdier Road, Brentwood.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, the petite bride wore a waltz-length gown of bridal-ivory velvet, fashioned with low rounded neckline and lily-point sleeves. The full skirt showed a tiny ruffle of the pink net crinoline and her embroidered chapel veil of pale pink net was caught to a coronet of ivory velvet trimmed with seed pearls. The bride carried a white hymn-book topped with a white orchid.

Chrysanthemums in white and pink decorated the church

for the ceremony performed by Archdeacon G. H. Holmes, and Mrs. Colin Mouat played the wedding music. During signing of the register, T. Toynbee sang "O Perfect Love."

Attending the bride were her sister, Miss Donna Mouat, as maid of honor, and their cousin, Miss Coline Mouat, as junior bridesmaid. They wore identical gowns of purple velvet, styled on princess lines with tiny matching jackets and coronets. Their shoes and mitts were in a mauve shade and they carried bouquets of pink carnations and mauve stocks.

Best man was R. Biskupovich of Duncan and ushering were Fraser Nicholson and Norman Mouat.

Mothers of the young couple assisted in receiving the guests at a reception in Mahon Hall, where they stood beneath an arch banked with pink and white chrysanthemums. Mrs.

Mouat, mother of the bride, wore a gown of silver and black nylon with redingote of grey nylon net, and Mrs. Bryant, the groom's mother, chose a teal blue ensemble. The bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake, flanked with pale pink candles in silver candleabra and pink chrysanthemums in silver vases. K. Butterfield proposed the toast to the bride.

For her honeymoon the bride chose a tailored dress of pink Kasha wool topped with a muskrat coat, with winter white and brown accessories. Following a trip to Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will go on to Prince George, where the groom is on the staff of the junior-senior high-school.

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YOU CAN'T TELL ME YOU'RE NOT CHEATING! MOM! COME HERE QUICK AND SEE IF HE ISN'T HIDING SOME CARDS BACK THERE!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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J.R. WILLIAMS

EGAD, BOYS! THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A SPLENDID TIME TO TAKE INVENTORY OF OUR BLESSINGS AND DEBITS ~ I MEAN MORAL, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL.

YOU SOUND LIKE THE PROLOGUE TO A FINE BUCK TUCK! ~ I'M AS EMPTY AS SANTA'S SLED RETURNING TO THE POLE.

I TOOK THE USUAL VALETTE BEATING ~ SPENT \$70 AND RECEIVED GIFTS WORTH \$18 TOPS!

I WONDER IF I COULD TURN THIS IN AS DOWN PAYMENT ON A BOWL OF CHILI!

THE FRODO DON'T BALANCE.

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AROUND HOME

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Richard S. Porter, 610 Dallas Road, who sees enough fish at work, is opposed to having a fish palace built across the street from his home.

Mr. Porter, proprietor of Old British Fish & Chips, is initiating a petition to protest suggestion of the Victorian Aquarium Society that a public aquarium be built at Holland Point.

The site recommended directly opposite Mr. Porter's

Al Hartung, international president of International Woodworkers of America, will install 1935 officers of Victoria local 888, Jan. 19, president Jack MacKenzie said today.

A total of 13 executive posts have been filled by ballot, circulated in all plants and camps within the local union. Names will be announced after installation.

It is just too much," Mrs. Porter said the taxes her home were more than some homes in the Uplands, that the reason she and husband bought the "Daisy" was to protect their property from an open, sex of attorney and open, sex of Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Four Surviving

Delegates to the annual district safety conference in Vancouver, Feb. 12, will be chosen.

Cerebral Palsy Association Aug. 6. Then the four sisters helped the rest of the family decorate the Christmas tree. The family had received hundreds of Christmas cards from all parts of the world. But

Included in the group were Heather Robson, Marilyn Gibson, Gail Leggett, Judy Leggett, Terry Leggett, Marion Macdonald, Joanne Leggett, Myrna Beland, Maurine Leggett and Gail Power.

KINGSTON (CP)—Fire of undetermined origin Sunday destroyed a drillhall and a quantity of ammunition in the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' school encampment about a mile east of here. Damage was estimated at \$400,000.

DO YOU SEE MY PIPE, GUS?

WHY WAKE ME UP TO ASK ME THAT?

OH, STOP SHOWING OFF, BINGO! YOU'RE NOT SO SMART—I CAN DO THAT TRICK, MYSELF!

THAT
OLD LADY
HATES
MEN!

MY LONG
SAWS IN THAT
CAR WITH ONE
OF EM - GON
HEAVEN ONLY
KNOWS WHERE,
OR FER WHAT!!

NICE NIGHT TO GET
MARRIED!!

NICEST NIGHT I
EVER SAW IN ALL
MY LIFE - 'CEPT
FOR THAT STAR.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL -
BUT, SOMEHOW
- IT FRIGHTENS
ME.

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I THINK THE THINGS YOU SAY ARE LITERALLY FASCINATING. IT'S THE STUPID THINGS I SAY TRYING TO GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE --

THAT BORE ME!

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3	Egg-shaped	32	Group of eight	INVENT	ADVENT
4	Two-legged	33	Group of eight	INVENT	ADVENT
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NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. constables as a result of
(CP)—Action has been started fatal shooting last summer
in Supreme Court here against 22-year-old Ronald Gerald By
three New Westminster police Byers' parents, Mr. and
Morris Jurdock have

About 1,000 "sunshine bags" were distributed to Victoria shuttles by the Salvation Army this Christmas.

A part of the organization's custom of providing shuttles for residents of men's and women's homes and other needy persons with Christmas cheer, the bags contain fruit, candies, cookies and a Christmas verse.

Two constables Edwin Kellock, Roy C. Hilker and Douglas Sanford.

A coroner's jury that investigated Byers' death exonerated the police officers of any blame in the shooting which was termed "accidental and in the line of duty."

HISTORIC RECIPES

Senior citizens, about 100 strong, will receive a special Christmas turkey dinner at the Salvation Army Citadel, Pandora Avenue, at 6.30 p.m. Tuesday.

constables as a result of the fatal shooting last summer of 22-year-old Ronald Gerald Byers. Byers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Lurdock have filed notice of action seeking unstated damages. Young Byers was shot July 27 when police fired on a fleeing car in which he was a passenger. He died in hospital three weeks later.

Named as defendants in the suit are constables Edwin J. Kellock, Roy C. Hlilker and Douglas Sanford.

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HISTORIC RECIPES

Many French recipes in Canada date from 1636 when the Ursuline Sisters of Quebec adapted Norman dishes to Canadian ingredients.

NO EAR FOR MUSIC

Crowd Harasses Carolers So Space Ship Stays Away

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Martin and her friends sang Christmas carols in front of her home Friday night awaiting "space brothers" to take them out of this world, but gave up because of what they called an "unruly mob."



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Whole World Observes Spirit of Christmas

Station 'Alert' In First Stop For St. Nick

By The Canadian Press

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."—Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 13:1-2.

This was the spirit in which Christmas was celebrated in the Canadian northland.

For the first time in a generation there was virtual peace on earth. Soldiers guarded uneasy truce lines in Korea, Indo-China and the borders of Israel and her Arab neighbors and there were skirmishes against Mau Mau in Kenya and Communist guerrillas in Malaya. But there was no major fighting.

URGES PATIENCE

At Canterbury Cathedral the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, delivered a sermon urging men everywhere to exercise patience in dealing with the vexations of the world. In Vatican City the Pope appeared briefly on his balcony to give his Christmas benediction to thousands of faithful assembled in St. Peter's square. It was the ailing pontiff's first public appearance since his collapse Dec. 2, and the throng gave him a tremendous greeting.

In Bethlehem approximately 10,000 tourists and pilgrims gathered for Christmas services at one of Christendom's oldest shrines—the Church of the Nativity built on what tradition holds is the site of Christ's birth.

BORDER OPENED

By mutual agreement of quarrelling Israel and Jordan the border between them was opened, on Christmas Eve to permit pilgrims from Israel to journey to the church which is in Jordan.

Several hundred men of the Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany celebrated Christmas Day as guests of German families.

Canadians left behind in the brigade's five camps ate at least a pound of turkey each for dinner and shared 280,000 cigarettes and 18,000 bottles of beer sent by Ontario firms.

\$50,000 Damage In Blast, Fire At Edmonton Hotel

EDMONTON (CP)—An explosion and fire ripped through the kitchen and dining room of the Airlines Hotel, near Edmonton's airport, Christmas Day. Damage was estimated unofficially at \$50,000.

No injuries resulted and only three guests were registered when the fire broke out at 3:25 a.m.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in the kitchen of the sprawling wooden structure but the cause has not been determined.

PATRON SAINT

St. Martha the patron saint of good housewives, is represented in historic art in homely garb with a pot in her hand.

AVALANCHES THREATEN SKI RESORTS

LONDON (Reuters)—Warm Mediterranean breezes brought new avalanche threats Sunday to the "white Christmas" snowland of crowded Austrian and Swiss mountain resorts.

Avalanche warnings went up at skiing resorts in the Austrian and Swiss Alps crowded with Christmas vacationers after a warm air mass moving in from the Mediterranean loosened the snows. Last winter, whole villages in western Austria were buried with their inhabitants when similar warm spells caused a series of huge avalanches.

Avalanches have already occurred in many parts of the Austrian Alps while in Switzerland many roads and some railroads are still blocked as a result of last week's violent storms.

Three cars were buried by an avalanche Sunday in Austria between Land and Gastein but the occupants were able to dig their way out unharmed. In the Salzburger area, the body of a 58-year-old farmer was found between the trunks of two uprooted trees. The avalanche danger has been increased by fresh snowfalls within the last 24 hours.

Ice Floes Halt River Traffic On St. Lawrence

QUEBEC CITY (BUP)—St. Lawrence River lighthouse keepers spent Christmas at their homes after the season's last ship passed through the ice-choked waterway.

Drifting ice floes and a chain of empty lighthouses marked the ship channel from Quebec City to Pointe au Pere, 250 miles downstream.

The last vessel to leave here was the Savoy, heading for Seven Islands with a load of steel. The last vessel to come into Quebec harbor was the government icebreaker D'Iberville.

The icebreaker cut a path for the end-of-the-season freighters and brought the lighthouse keepers home.

Thousands Crowd St. Peter's for Pope's Blessing

By The Canadian Press

In their homes with their families and in a multitude of worshipful assemblies around the world, Christians celebrated the joyous anniversary of the birth of Christ Saturday.

In the 2,500,000-square-mile expanse of rugged country far from civilization, the Christmas-time spirit of sharing was best exemplified in this barren land, whites and Eskimos alike attending church services, exchanging gifts and gathering for informal parties.

PLAY SANTA

At Resolute Bay on Cornwallis island, 1,700 miles north of Winnipeg, weathermen at the joint Canadian-United States radio and meteorological outpost played Santa to the Eskimos, giving each a bag of candy, nuts and fresh fruit as they dropped in to extend greetings.

The closest company Santa had "Christmas Day" was at Alert, only 450 miles from the North Pole, where four Canadians and four Americans, alone at the Ellesmere Island weather station there, feasted on turkey dropped by the RCAF to Alert and 18 other isolated posts well before Dec. 25.

Officers observed custom by serving the Christmas meal in the RCAF mess at Resolute Bay, where there are also RCMP and weather stations. Flt. Lt. Ron Kyle of Maple, Ont., weatherman Lou Colpitts of Ottawa and Ken Hardy of Saskatoon, and RCMP Const. Fred Gibson of Gibson's Landing, B.C., served their men roast turkey and plum pudding with rum sauce.

At all outposts weathermen maintained their 24-hour vigil through Christmas, celebrating alternately by teams.

The main attraction at Nottingham Island, where the snow was not deep enough to cover ragged rocks on the hillsides, was the Christmas radio broadcasts. Cook Jim Crowell of Shag Harbour, N.S., prepared a chicken dinner with traditional Christmas extras.

Early Christmas Day, starting at 1:15 a.m., radio shacks at all outposts were crowded for three hours as the CBC northern messenger service from Winnipeg, the world's biggest party line, carried personal greetings by radio to northern residents from relatives and friends.

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Another Maker's Clearance

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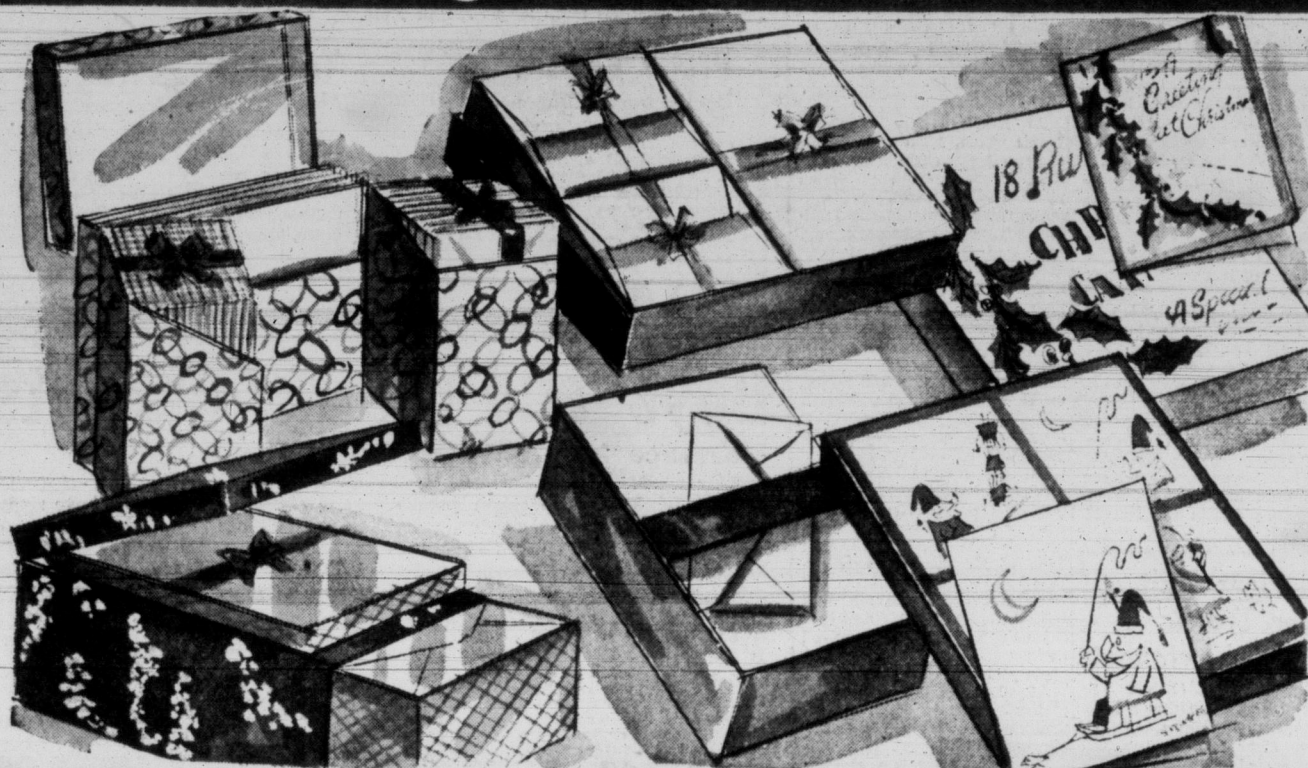
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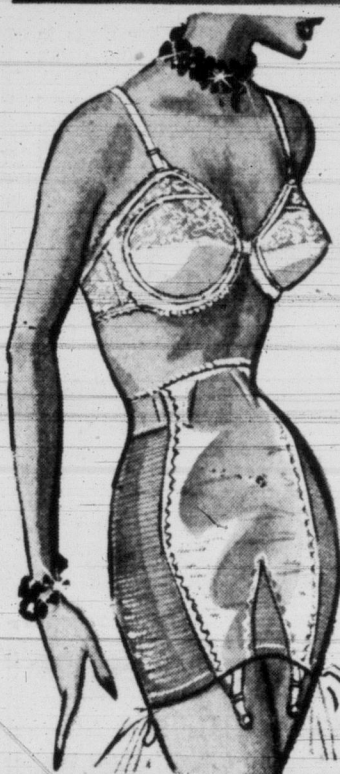
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50.00

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Mendes-France Asks Decisive Arms Vote

Defense Alliance
Rides on Tonight's
Assembly Ballot

PARIS (AP) — Premier Mendes-France bluntly called on the National Assembly tonight for a decision on the future of the Western defense alliance. He said the future of the alliance would depend on the outcome of a pending confidence vote in his six-month-old government.

Taking the floor before a jammed assembly chamber in the midst of debate on West German rearmament, the premier appealed for an endorsement of West Germany's entrance into the North Atlantic treaty under the London-Paris agreements.

But, he told assembly men, to do so they must reverse the assembly's vote last Friday against West Germany's entrance into a seven-nation Western European Union based on a revived and expanded Brussels treaty.

PACKAGE DEAL

He said the assembly could not vote one without the other, and he warned them that tonight's ballot must be the crucial, decisive one.

He asked a vote of confidence on two points—West Germany's entrance into NATO, and endorsement of the government's position on three amendments to the ratification bill.

If successful on those ballots, he was slated to demand that the assembly reverse last Friday's refusal to ratify the treaty permitting West Germany to rearm as a member of the seven-nation Western European Union. That, too, would be a question of confidence which under assembly rules could not be voted on for 24 hours.

VOTES ARE CRUCIAL

Defeat on any of the three votes would force the government to resign, plunging France into another of its numerous post-war cabinet crises.

Reuters news agency said the prospects of favorable votes today were somewhat improved by week-end negotiations between the government and those of its Gaullist and Social supporters who voted against German rearmament last week. Another favorable factor, Reuters said, was a decision taken this morning by the committee of Conservatives—grouping Moderates, Peasants and dissident Gaullists—to ask all its 115 members who voted for the Atlantic alliance "to do nothing by their votes to hinder the adoption of the Paris agreements."

HAVE ALTERNATE PLANS

The future of the Western alliance and of France's position awaited the outcome of the assembly votes. The British government, backed by the United States, has announced that West Germany will be rearmed regardless of the French action. (See Page 2.)

'The Child Reigneth ...'



CHRISTMAS, 1954, was once again, the children's day. In Victoria homes, humble or ornate, the child was king—just as long, long ago in a Bethlehem stable a Child was adored, even by kings.

The ways of Christmas in Victoria homes were as many as there are men and women and children here. There were laughter, lights and love, music and mischief, religion and remorse, hours of great joy and moments of darkest disappointment. There was noise and more noise, and yet more noise.

But in the end—as in the true Christmas story—the child was dethroned. And the grim world of adulthood submerged him, as it has the true Child.

The magical moments of the great day before yesterday are only memories—except when (as in this photo taken by R. I. M. Hale at B.C. Protestant Orphanage) the glory that was Christmas reflects in a winsome face to which all the world is forever merry and bright.

Reds Shell Islands

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—Chinese Communist artillery on Amoy just off the Red mainland pounded Nationalist island outposts today for the second straight day. The Nationalist defense ministry announced.

BOAC Crash Under Probe; 28 Killed

One Passenger,
7 Crewmen Escape

PRESTWICK, Scotland (CP)—Investigators trying to discover the cause of a lantic plane which killed 28 persons here Christmas Day concentrated study today on three ruts the ship made as it landed.

The plane, a British Overseas Airways Corporation Stratocruiser traveling between London and New York, touched down here, turned over and caught fire. Only eight of the 36 aboard survived.

From a study of the marks the investigators said they believed the ship hit the soft ground 20 feet short of a cement runway, bounced 200 yards, struck the runway, skidded and then turned over.

DOUBLE INVESTIGATION

Two inquiries are under way, one by the ministry of transport and civil aviation and the other by BOAC.

The captain of the wrecked airliner, Capt. W. L. Stewart, formerly of Montreal, who had been confined to his room here for questioning by the investigators, was allowed to fly to London today to be with his family.

Investigators refused to permit the plane's wreckage to be moved, saying they want to study it further. They also continued to collect all the available weather information at the time of the crash.

The only survivor among the 25 passengers, a Londoner, is in hospital with badly burned hands. He got out because the fuselage happened to crack open opposite his seat.

Seven crew members escaped through the burning nose of the plane. Four more crew members, who were in the passenger cabin, died.

WEATHER POOR

First reports indicated that wind may have caught the plane as it approached the field. The aircraft, four hours late because bad weather had delayed its takeoff from London, approached the air base in rain and low clouds.

After flipping over and becoming enveloped in flames, it taxied—and skidded halfway across the airfield before an explosion ripped off its nose.

"It was just an inferno with flames roaring 30 to 40 feet high," said James Stewart, deputy fire master, who saw the crash. "Petrol tanks were exploding and the heat was terrific. One brave fireman, who was wearing no special apparatus, managed to reach the blazing wreckage and dragged out the hostess, who was dead."

WIRE BRIEFS

Pope Gets Transfusion

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Ailing Pope Pius received another transfusion of blood, and plasma today after a "fairly" restful night.

French Talk A-Bomb

PARIS (Reuters)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France presided over a discussion among some of his top ministers Sunday on whether France should build its own atom bomb, it was learned today.

Mistaken Identity

AVIGNON, France (Reuters)—Youths here Sunday night beat up a passing motorist whom they mistook for one of the 4,000 disciples of a Montfauvet ex-postman who claims he is Jesus Christ.

15 in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (BUP)—The Arctic moved into Manitoba Sunday night and the mercury here dipped to 15 below zero.

DRIVING CAMPAIGNS PAY OFF

Canada Cuts Toll While U.S. Soars

Holiday Deaths Here 23; New Record South of Border

By The Canadian Press

The toll of violent deaths during the Christmas week-end stood at 45 early today—18 fewer than last year and 51 fewer than 1952.

Heavy-handed campaigns against drunk drivers in most communities cut the traffic toll to 23 from 41 in 1953 and 57 in 1952, a Canadian Press survey showed.

Seven persons died in fires, two were drowned and two suffocated. A fight and three falls took four lives and gas fumes accounted for four more. One suicide was reported and there was one accidental shooting and one man was killed in a railway yard accident.

(See Page 11 for city traffic troubles.)

Quebec topped the list with 14 deaths. Ontario had 12, Manitoba five and New Brunswick four. Three were reported in each of British Columbia and Nova Scotia and one in Newfoundland.

Two deaths were reported in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta. Prince Edward Island reported no fatalities between 6 p.m. Friday and early today.

Port Alberni Woman Killed

The death toll from violent accidents in British Columbia during the long holiday week-end stood at three today—two in traffic mishaps and the third in a railway accident.

Robert Muirhead, 41, CPR switchman, was killed at Windermere while working Sunday. Mrs. Milja Pera, 38, died Christmas Day en route to West Coast General Hospital as a result of injuries received in a two-car collision at Port Alberni.

The driver of the car in which she was riding was reported to be Roy Johnson, of New Westminster, her son-in-law. The driver of the other car was Willard Bedz, of Port Alberni.

Mrs. Pera was the only victim of the accident. It occurred four miles north of Alberni.

An inquest has been set for

December 28, and the funeral will be held here December 31. A native of Finland, Mrs. Pera had lived in Canada for 40 years, and in British Columbia 15 years. She had been a resident of Alberni since 1946. She and her husband, Kalle Pera, lived on Beaver Creek Road.

Other survivors are two sons and two daughters.

Harry Stanley Wright of Abbotford, customs official, was killed Christmas night when he was hit by a car as he was walking home from work.

A total of nine persons met death in accidents in Western Canada since 6 p.m., local time, Friday night.

Besides B.C.'s three fatalities, there were three in Manitoba, two in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta.

Vancouver Has 100 Accidents

VANCOUVER (BUP)—Police and hospital authorities here experienced what they termed their worst Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on record. Some 100 traffic accidents were reported and over 85 persons were treated for injuries in the area.

However, no fatalities have been reported in Canada's third largest city and Royal Canadian Mounted Police report the five accidents throughout British Columbia to date. Fifteen of the 85 persons injured in the Vancouver area have been detained at hospital.

A Vancouver police department traffic officer said there weren't enough patrol cars in the city during the height of a rain and hail storm on Christmas night to handle the accidents.

Police report an almost accident-free night Sunday night, with only a few minor accidents.

Police in Victoria report over 24 traffic accidents during the Christmas week-end.

However no fatalities have been reported in the capital city.

U.S. Sets Two-Day Record

CHICAGO (AP)—The swelling toll of United States highway accidents during the Christmas week-end mounted close to the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate, after already setting a record for a two-day Yule holiday.

Belated reports of accidental deaths between 6 p.m., local time, Friday and midnight Sunday night might well run the traffic death total to the predicted 370.

It was already 355 on the basis of figures available early today in an Associated Press survey. The previous record for a two-day Christmas week-end 54 hours was 277, set in 1948.

Together with 57 deaths in fires and 51 from a variety of causes, the accidental death toll was 463. This was far ahead of the 1948 total from all causes—366.

Dr. Sam Charges Evidence Not Produced During Trial

CLEVELAND (AP)—A prosecuting attorney who helped bring about the second-degree murder conviction of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard says: "Maybe we didn't do our duty from Dr. Sheppard's point of view, but from the public point of view, we did our duty."

Assistant county prosecutor John J. Mahon was commenting Sunday night on a written statement by the 30-year-old osteopath convicted Tuesday of clubbing his pregnant wife Marilyn to death July 4.

Sheppard, sentenced to life imprisonment, gave the statement to a brother, Dr. Richard Sheppard, who relayed it to a Cleveland newspaper.

In his statement the prisoner said: "Total disregard of def-

nite evidence that proved the presence of someone else in our house who must have killed Marilyn stirs and depresses me."

Sheppard, who has maintained a prowl belligerence his wife, added: "My understanding was that a prosecuting attorney was duty bound to produce all evidence and protect the innocent as well as prosecute the guilty. This has been far overlooked."

Mahon said no evidence in the Sheppard case was overlooked and "everything was out in the open."

Sheppard's lawyers will push for a new trial in a hearing Thursday before common pleas judge Edward Blythin, who sentenced the osteopath.

REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY CONVICT

DUNDAS, Ont. (CP)—Provincial Police received a Christmas present from an anonymous prisoner in Kingston Penitentiary.

He sent a diagram showing the location of a buried bottle containing 1½ ounces of nitroglycerine.

The diagram showed the nitroglycerine hidden in a hollow fence post at the side of Highway No. 8.

Police found the bottle and arranged for its removal. Penitentiary officials said they do not know who drew the diagram but believe it was a convicted safecracker.



'Nothin' Like a Game of Golf'

The weather was nippy (and the blood a little thin likely) as the first annual Christmas Tree Golf Tournament opened at Victoria Golf Club this morning. Ninety city golfers were scheduled to compete in the 18-hole gross

and handicap tournament. Among early starters were, left to right, Don Whyte, Les Pope and C. Abbott who clearly express conditions that prevailed. (Times Photo by Halkett.)

Canada 2nd-Ranking TV Nation 'In Many Ways' Says CBC Chief

QUEEN, DUKE EXTEND GREETINGS TO CANADA

OTTAWA (CP)—The Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, have sent a message of best wishes to the people of Canada for 1955.

Government House today announced receipt of a Christmas message from the Royal couple in reply to greetings sent by Governor-General Massey on behalf of all Canadians. It came from Sandringham, where the Royal Family spent Christmas, and read: "I and my husband greatly appreciate the kind message which you have sent us on behalf of the people of Canada. Please convey to them our sincere thanks and our best wishes for 1955."

Royal Family Leads Christmas Worship

Queen, Duke, Children Attend
Services in Sandringham Chapel

BY ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth led Britain in the religious observance of Christmas. Churches everywhere were crowded, and the Queen worshipped in one of the smallest of them, St. Mary Magdalene in the parish of Sandringham, seat of her country home.

The Queen was there twice, once with the Duke of Edinburgh, for a private celebration of Holy Communion, and then the duke and their children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, for the community's Christmas morning service.

It rained early, and the Royal Family went to the service in cars. Then the weather improved and the Queen dismissed the cars. She walked down a path to Sandringham House, the children skipping along happily and a crowd of several hundred

applauding and calling "Happy Christmas."

Last year the Queen and duke spent the holiday season in New Zealand.

This year they made up for last year's absence from their children with a larger than usual holiday party at Sandringham. At the estate were Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and their two children and the Duchess of Kent and her three children.

Measles in Greenland

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (CP)—Measles, previously an unknown disease among Greenlanders, have broken out in the Kapisigdit settlement of Greenland. It was announced Sunday. Some 170 of the settlement's 200 inhabitants have come down with the disease.

Arline Judge Takes Seventh

HOLLYWOOD (BUP)—Actress Arline Judge, 42, who gave up a movie career for husbands, has picked Edward Cooper Heard, Beverly Hills inventor-businessman, as her seventh spouse.

Miss Judge's previous husbands were film director Wesley Ruggles, RAF flier James R. Addams, Chicago radio executive Vincent Morgan Ryan, Dan Topping, his brother Bob Topping, and New York insurance executive George Ross, Jr. She has two sons, Wesley Ruggles, Jr., aged 21, and Dan Topping, Jr., 16.



"Uncle Zeke sez Christmas didn't do anything 't him 'tiet an aspirin can't cure."

It's no accident there were fewer accidents.

Feller who complained that toy trumpets ain't made 't last must hev bin a bachelor.

John Hunt, reporter for the North Bay Daily Nugget, William Montgomery, 27, of West Cobalt and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Montgomery of Kitchener, said that later in the evening they

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Two U.S. Jets Crash Over Calif.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Two F-9F jet planes collided at 30,000 feet over San Jose's eastern foothill area today, exploding and sending up what one eyewitness described as "a mushroom cloud, as from an A-bomb."

There were unconfirmed reports that two bodies were found. Debris showered a one-mile area.

Sicilian 'Quake Lasts' 11 Hours

MESSINA, Sicily (AP)—A rolling earthquake, with shocks felt intermittently for 11 hours, caused damage and panic today on two of the Lipari Islands off northeast Sicily. Radio reports said three houses collapsed, many others were badly damaged and several persons were injured. Most of the population fled to the hills.

Vancouver Club Robbed of \$250

VANCOUVER (CP)—A quantity of liquor and \$250 in cash was taken from a downtown club here early today by thieves who broke in through a rear door.

Police said about 12 bottles of liquor were taken from the bar of the Press Club.

Gales, Fires Whip Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Winds up to 70 miles an hour whipped Southern California today, toppling power lines and billboards and slowing traffic.

A \$2,500,000 blaze burned through the Fullerton citrus warehouse district.

As the winds rose, humidity dropped and the Los Angeles Fire Department described the fire as "really dangerous."

Canuck Team Offers Rate \$23,000

TORONTO (CP)—Harry Sonshine said today that Green Bay Packers' star quarterback Tobin Rote has been offered a \$23,000 no-out contract by a Canadian football team.

The team is not Argonauts, Sonshine said. They are not interested in Rote at that price.

He said the former Rice Institute All-American telephoned him from Texas two weeks ago to say he received a confirmed offer of \$23,000 from another Canadian team.

Horvath Holds 10-Point Lead in Hockey Scoring

SEATTLE (AP)—Edmonton's Bronco Horvath kept his 10-point lead intact last week in the Western Hockey League individual scoring race, league headquarters here reported today.

Horvath, with 60 points on 29 goals and 31 assists, shared "player of the week" honors with his nearest pursuer, Gerry Couture of Calgary, and with Jim McFadden, also of Calgary. Each added five points to their scoring total.

Horvath leads the goal-scoring department with 29. Guyle Fielder of New Westminster has the most assists, 33.

Victoria's Marcel Pelletier tops the goalies with an average of only three goals allowed per game. Harry Dick, of Vancouver, is the most penalized player with 98 minutes.

The top scorers are:

G. A. Pts.

Horvath, Edmonton 60 29 31

Couture, Calgary 55 24 26

McFadden, Calgary 55 24 26

Fielder, New Westminster 55 24 33

McNab, Calgary 55 24 33

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Mendes-France
Asks Decisive
Arms VoteDefense Alliance
Rides on Tonight's
Assembly Ballot

PARIS (AP)—Premier Mendes-France bluntly called on the National Assembly tonight for a decision on the future of the Western defense alliance. He said the future of the alliance would depend on the outcome of a pending confidence vote in his six-month-old government.

Taking the floor before a jammed assembly chamber in the midst of debate on West German rearmament, the premier appealed for an endorsement of West Germany's entrance into the North Atlantic treaty under the London-Paris agreements.

But, he told assembly men, to do so they must reverse the assembly's vote last Friday against West Germany's entrance into a seven-nation Western European Union based on a revised and expanded Brussels treaty.

PACKAGE DEAL

He said the assembly could not vote one without the other, and he warned them that tonight's ballot must be the crucial, decisive one.

He asked a vote of confidence on two points—West Germany's entrance into NATO, and endorsement of the government's position on three amendments to the ratification bill.

If successful on those ballots, he was slated to demand that the assembly reverse last Friday's refusal to ratify the treaty permitting West Germany to rearm as a member of the seven-nation Western European Union. That, too, would be a question of confidence which under assembly rules could not be voted on for 24 hours.

VOTES ARE CRUCIAL

Defeat on any of the three votes would force the government to resign, plunging France into another of its numerous post-war cabinet crises.

The future of the Western alliance and of France's position awaited the outcome of the assembly votes. The British government, backed by the United States, has announced that West Germany will be rearmament regardless of the French action. (See Page 2.)

SELECTIONS

SANTA ANITA

1—Post Paid, Zipper Miss, Abe Shushan.
2—Amor, Friendly Ace, Barely Nothing.
3—Rae's Reward, Go-Go-Far, Prossy Face.
4—Florence House, The Driller, Marsh's Turk.
5—Miss Clementine, Correlation, Pauli Free.
6—Dan Giddings, Marked Game, Seven Mc.
7—Imbro, Joe Jones, Mark-Well.
8—Purbeck, Lena Welch, Cinder Boy.
9—Topping, Jr., 16.

FAIR GROUNDS

1—Post Paid, Zipper Miss, Abe Shushan.
2—Hoop Roller, Claire Dauber, Cocoa Al.
3—Brown Smoke, Connie-Joe, Riot.
4—Broad Cross, Black Stream, Wise Jerk.
5—Take Two, Winter Love, Doty Redbird.
6—Ancient City, El Pachito, Sulmar.
7—Wabash Moon, Dr. More Heredity.
8—Attention St., High Mile, Arctic Chief.
9—Pops Pal, Dastine, Storm Bird.

RACE RESULTS

FAIR GROUNDS

First Race—
Peach Blossom (Cry) \$24.00 \$14.50 \$9.50
Mr. Majority (Craig) — 16.40 14.80
P-Topper B (Kaslin) — 8.60
Time—1:13.3.
Second Race—
Pitru (Harrinbrook) \$10.00 \$4.40 \$3.60
Brilliant (Thomas) — 3.00 2.90
No Cole (Curry) — 5.00
Time—1:14.3.
Third Race—
Big O'White (Jones) \$12.00 \$6.00 \$4.00
Dustmaker (Pepara) — 19.00 7.00
Lewis A D (Kaslin) — 3.00
Time—1:14.3.
Fourth Race—
F-Pelago (Keene) \$87.00 \$24.00 \$12.40
Alora (Thomas) — 9.80 5.20
Restraint (Wickel) — 7.80
Time—1:14.3.
Fifth Race—
Faully (Perman) \$10.00 \$4.60 \$3.80
Dustmaker (Jones) — 3.20 3.40
Hearts Buzz (Carsteyn) — 3.40
Time—1:12.3.

-15 in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (BUP)—The Arctic moved into Manitoba Sunday night and the mercury there dipped to 15 below zero.



'Nothin' Like a Game of Golf'

The weather was nippy (and the blood a little thin likely) as the first annual Christmas Tree Golf Tournament opened at Victoria Golf Club this morning. Ninety city golfers were scheduled to compete in the 18-hole gross

and handicap tournament. Among early starters were, left to right, Don Whyte, Les Pope and C. Abbott who clearly express conditions that prevailed. (Times Photo by Halkett.)

Scroggs, Morrison
Lead Golf Tourney

Two Uplands Golf Club dividers were making strong bids at press time today to capture honors in two sections of the first annual Christmas tree golf tournament being played at the Victoria Club.

Frank Scroggs, present Uplands Club champion and co-holder with Bob Morrison of the city men's senior buttons, shot an 18-hole gross 69 to take the lead in that section.

Scroggs' net score was 69.7.

Morrison posted a net 70.2.

With Scroggs appearing to

be a near cinch to take low gross laurels, Morrison was in line to win the net title. No player can win both prizes.

Scores to press time follow:

G. A. Pts.
Scroggs 69.7 29 29
Morrison 70.2 30 30
H. Young 70.5 31 31
J. E. Pope 70.5 31 31
D. Whyte 71.0 32 32
C. Abbott 71.0 32 32
P. Shilline 71.0 32 32
W. McNeil 71.0 32 32
R. Herberston 71.0 32 32
R. Kerr 71.0 32 32
U. Hunsdon 71.0 32 32
G. Verley 71.0 32 32
W. Leach 71.0 32 32
J. Higgs 71.0 32 32
A. S. Musgrave 71.0 32 32
P. Shilline 71.0 32 32
J. Morrison 71.0 32 32

Reds Shell Islands

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Chinese Communist artillery on Amoy just off the Red mainland pounded Nationalist island outposts today for the second straight day, the Nationalist defense ministry announced.

French Talk A-Bomb

PARIS (Reuters)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France presided over a discussion among some of his top ministers Sunday on whether France should build its own atom bomb, it was learned today.

Mistaken Identity

AVIGNON, France (Reuters)—Youths here Sunday night beat up a passing motorist whom they mistook for one of the 4,000 disciples of a Montfavet ex-postman who claims he is Jesus Christ.

QUEEN, DUKE EXTEND
GREETINGS TO CANADA

OTTAWA (CP)—The Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, have sent a message of best wishes to the people of Canada for 1955.

Government House today announced receipt of a Christmas message from the Royal couple in reply to greetings sent by Governor-General Massey on behalf of all Canadians, it came from Sandringham, where the Royal Family spent Christmas, and read: "I and my husband greatly appreciate the kind message which you have sent us on behalf of the people of Canada. Please convey to them our sincere thanks and our best wishes for 1955."



M' Uncle Zeke sez Christmas didn't do anything t' him thet an aspirin can't cure.

It's no accident there were fewer accidents.

Feller who complained thet toy trumpets ain't made t' last must hev bin a bachelor.

Holiday Deaths Here 23;
New Record South of Border

By The Canadian Press

The toll of violent deaths during the Christmas week-end stood at 45 early today—18 fewer than last year and 51 fewer than 1952.

Heavy-handed campaigns against drunk drivers in most communities cut the traffic toll to 23 from 41 in 1953 and 57 in 1952, a Canadian Press survey showed.

Seven persons died in fires, two were drowned and two suffocated. A fight and three falls took four lives and gas fumes accounted for four more. One suicide was reported and there was one accidental shooting and one man was killed in a railway yard accident.

Quebec topped the list with 14 deaths. Ontario had 12, Manitoba five and New Brunswick four. Three were reported in each of British Columbia and Nova Scotia and one in Newfoundland.

Two deaths were reported in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta. Prince Edward Island reported no fatalities between 6 p.m. Friday and early today.

Port Alberni Woman Killed

The death toll from violent accidents in British Columbia during the long holiday week-end stood at 23 today—two in traffic mishaps and the third in a railway accident.

Robert Muirhead, 41, CPR switchman, was killed at Windermere while working Sunday. Mrs. Milja Pera, 58, died Christmas Day en route to West Coast General Hospital as a result of injuries received in a two-car collision at Port Alberni.

The driver of the car in which she was riding was reported to be Roy Johnson, of New Westminster, her son-in-law. The driver of the other car was Willard Bedz, of Port Alberni.

Mrs. Pera was the only victim of the accident. It occurred four miles north of Alberni. An inquest has been set for

December 28, and the funeral will be held here December 31.

A native of Finland, Mrs. Pera had lived in Canada for 40 years, and in British Columbia 15 years. She had been a resident of Alberni since 1946. She and her husband, Kalle Pera, lived on Beaver Creek Road.

Other survivors are two sons and two daughters.

Harry Stanley Wright of Abbotsford, customs official, was killed Christmas night when he was hit by a car as he was walking home from work.

A total of five persons met death in accidents in Western Canada since 6 p.m., local time, Friday night.

Besides B.C.'s three fatalities, there were three in Manitoba, two in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta.

U.S. Sets Two-Day Record

CHICAGO (AP)—The swelling toll of United States highway accidents during the Christmas week-end mounted close to the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate, after already setting a record for a two-day Yule holiday.

Related reports of accidental deaths between 6 p.m., local time, Friday and midnight Sunday night might well run the traffic death toll to the predicted 370.

It was already 355 on the basis of figures available early today in an Associated Press survey. The previous record for a two-day Christmas week-end 54 hours was 277, set in 1948.

Together with 57 deaths in fires and 51 from a variety of causes, the accidental death toll was 463. This was far

ahead of the 1948 total from all causes—396.

Pope Gets Transfusion

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Ailing Pope Plus received another transfusion of blood and plasma today after a "fairly" restful night.

Measles in Greenland

COPENHAGEN, Den.—mark (CP)—Measles, previously an unknown disease among Greenlanders, have broken out in the Kapisigitt settlement of Greenland, it was announced Sunday. Some 170 of the settlement's 200 inhabitants have come down with the disease.

Royal Family Leads
Christmas Worship

Queen, Duke, Children Attend Services in Sandringham Church

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth led Britain in the religious observance of Christmas. Churches everywhere were crowded, and the Queen worshipped in one of the smallest of them, St. Mary Magdalene in the parish of Sandringham, seat of her country home.

The Queen was there twice with the Duke of Edinburgh, for a private celebration of Holy Communion, and then the duke and their children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, for the community's Christmas morning service.

It rained early, and the Royal Family went to the service in cars. Then the weather improved and the Queen dismissed the cars. She walked down a path to Sandringham House, the children skipping along happily and a crowd of several hundred

applauding and calling "Happy Christmas."

Last year the Queen and duke spent the holiday season in New Zealand.

This year they made up for last year's absence from their children with a larger than usual holiday party at Sandringham.

At the estate were Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and their two children and the Duchess of Kent and her three children.

(See text Queen's Christmas message, Page 2.)